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ROLL OF HONOUR.
(1914-1918.)
IN MEMORIAM.

DALLAS—In loving memory of Second Lieutenant W. R. Dallas, R.A.F., killed in France 24th December, 1918.

BIRTHS.

HALE—December 13, 1923, at 7 Sandford av., South Circular rd., to the wife of W. J. Edgar Hale (née Gladys Greagsby), the gift of a daughter.

PAPWORTH—November 14, 1923, at Nursing Home, Lahore, India, the wife of Captain F. C. Papworth, M.C., N.R., a son.

TALLON—December 15, 1923, at 21 Waterloo rd., the wife of Aloysius Tallon, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CLARKE and SMITH—December 8, 1923, at St. Edmund's Church, by the Rev. Z. W. Miller, Barnabas Herbert Clarke, son of the late Richard Clarke, Dunmanway, and Mrs. Clarke, 1 Kimberley Villas, St. Luke's, Cork, to Frances Christina (Chrissie), daughter of the late John P. Smith and Mrs. Smith, St. Edmund's, Dunmanway.

NICHOLS and KLINGNER—In Dublin, quietly, Richard J. Nichols, third son of Charles Nichols, Esq., of 20 Northumberland rd., to Ina, second daughter of the late Augustus Klingner, of Ballsbridge, Co. Dublin.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

BOLGER—December 21, 1923, at Scoby House, Enniscorthy, John Bolger, aged 73 years. Funeral took place from the Cathedral, Enniscorthy, yesterday (Sunday) at 2.30 p.m. Requiem Office this (Monday) morning at 11 o'clock.

BYRNE—December 21, 1923, at his residence, 7 Mount Harold tce., Leinster rd., Dublin, John Byrne, J.P., Timber Merchant, New st. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral private. No flowers.

BYRNE—December 22, 1923, at 21 George's place, Blackrock, Patrick Byrne, for over 40 years gardener to Frederic W. Pim.

CALDWELL—At Lamont Hospital, Vermillion, Canada, John McCreery Caldwell (Jack), youngest son of the late James and Mrs. Caldwell, of this city.

CANTY—December 22, 1923, at his residence, High st., Balbriggan, Alexander Canty, at an advanced age. Deeply mourned. R.I.P. Funeral from SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Balbriggan, to-day (Monday), 24th December, to Balrothery at 3 o'clock.

CHAMBERLAIN—December 21, 1923, at Knockfin, Knaresborough, Yorkshire, Digby Chamberlain, aged 75 years. Funeral to-day (Monday) at Knaresborough.

CHARLES—December 22, 1923, the result of an accident, Elinor, widow of the late R. H. Charles. Funeral from 51 Raglan rd. Arrangements later.

CRAWFORD—December 23, 1923, Robert Crawford, 62 Lansdowne rd., Dublin, late Secretary Great Southern and Western Railway. Funeral private. No flowers, by request.

DIXON—December 22, 1923, at Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, after an operation, William J. Dixon, beloved husband of Emily Dixon, "Ardeen," Mornington rd., and younger son of the late Tallis Eager Dixon, Tralee. Funeral strictly private.

DUNCAN—December 22, 1923, Thomas Duncan, late of 6 Lower Sherrard st., aged 87. Funeral private. English papers please copy.

FOX—December 23, 1923, suddenly, at her residence, Kilmurray, Bray, Sarah Jane Fox, widow of the late Richard Thomas Fox. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing family. "Safe in the arms of Jesus." Funeral to-morrow (Christmas Day) at 2.30 to Delgany.

HENNESSEY—December 23, 1923, at his residence, Clean.ore House, Kildare, John Hennessey, aged 62. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and children. R.I.P. Funeral from Carmelite Church, Kildare, to-morrow (Christmas Day) at 12.30.

HILL—December 22, 1923, at Stylebawn, Delgany, Alexander Hill. Funeral (by motor) this day (Monday), leaving 12.30 p.m., arriving Dunganstown Church at 2.30.

HUMPHREY—December 23, 1923, at Cavanacor, Ballindrait, Co. Donegal, Mary, last surviving child of the late Lieutenant-Colonel B. G. Humfrey, 45th Regiment, aged 97. Funeral private.

LLOYD-VAUGHAN—December 22, 1923, at his residence, Golden Grove, Roscrea, W. P. H. Lloyd-Vaughan, D.L., in his 80th year.

WILKINSON—December 18, 1923, at Clancoole House, Bandon, Rev. John Wilkinson, M.A. Funeral private.

WRIGHT—December 23, 1923, at her residence, 21 Camden row, after a long illness, Nannette, widow of the late William Wright. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing daughters. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. Wilkinson and family, Clancoole House, Bandon, desire to return thanks to all those who so kindly remembered them in their recent sad bereavement, and regret they are unable to reply individually to each message of sympathy.

IN MEMORIAM.

ARMSTRONG—In loving memory of George Armstrong, of Bruree, Co. Limerick, who died Christmas Day, 1918. "Nearer, my God, to Thee."

COULTER—In loving remembrance of Kathleen Elsie, died on Christmas Eve, 1920.

GILLESPIE—In ever-loving memory of our dear father, Richard Gillespie, Abbeyleix, who entered into rest on Christmas Day, 1908.

HARRISON—Second Anniversary—In sad and loving memory of our dear brother, Charles Frederick, who passed peacefully away on the 23rd December, 1921. "Peace for evermore." Inserted by his loving sister and brother.

HOPKINS—In loving memory of Benjamin B. Hopkins, of Peafield House, Lansdowne tce., who entered into the fuller life Christmas Day, 1898. "Life for evermore."

MacCARTHY—Third Anniversary—In loving remembrance of my dear father, who died at Newcastle, Clonmel, on December 24th, 1920. "Thy will be done."

No one knows how much I miss him,
Friends may think the wound is healed,
But they little know the sorrow
Deep within my heart concealed.
Often now my thoughts do wander
To a spot so far away,
When they laid my darling father
Just three years ago to-day.

Inserted by his loving daughter, Susan, Gin Gin, W. Australia.

PARR—In sad and loving memory of Charles Edward Parr, only son of John and Louisa Parr, called to rest at Bombay December 24th, 1921. "Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away."

SHAW—In ever-loving memory of dear mother, December 24, 1921.—Vi.

SHAW—In loving memory of mother, who was called Home December 24, 1921.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute, that all persons claiming to be creditors, or in anywise to have any claim or demand against the estate of the said Deceased, who died at High Park Convent, aforesaid, on the 26th November, 1923, and Probate of whose will, with two Codicils attached, was granted forth of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, on the 19th December, 1923, to the Executors therein named, are hereby required to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims to the undersigned, Solicitors for the said Executors, on or before the 25th day of January, 1924, after which date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims or demands of which they or we on their behalf shall have received notice as aforesaid.
Dated this 20th December, 1923.
WILLIAM MOONEY and SON, Solicitors for Executors, 16 Fleet street, Dublin.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
Pursuant to an Order of the Chancery Judge, made in a Cause,
CRANNY v. WARD
(1922, No. 439),
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Dated this 21st day of December, 1923.
THOS. W. ELLERKER, Chief Clerk.
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SAORSTAT EIREANN.
Pursuant to an Order of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, made in the Matter of the Estate of
SARAH BERNARD, Deceased;
ESTHER TONER, Plaintiff;
RICHARD A. WALKER, Defendant.
The creditors of the said Sarah Bernard, Deceased, late of Elm Lawn, Dundrum, in the County of Dublin, who died in or about the month of November, 1922, are on or before the 21st day of January, 1924, to send by post, prepaid, to Messrs. S. and R. C. Walker and Son, the Solicitors for the Defendant, the Executor of the Will of the Deceased, their Christian and Surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, or in default, thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order. Every creditor holding any security is to produce the same before the Right Hon. the Master of the Rolls, at his Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on the 30th day of January, 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.
Dated this 20th day of December, 1923.
JOHN HEALY, Chief Clerk.

IN THE GOODS OF
JOHN W. PASSANT, late of Main street, Wicklow, in the County of Wicklow, Draper, Deceased.
Creditors of the above-named Deceased are requested to furnish forthwith their claims (in writing) to the undersigned Solicitor for Miss Olive Kathleen Passant, the intended Administratrix of the estate.
Dated this 21st day of December, 1923.
J. H. McCARROLL, Solicitor, 4 Church street, Wicklow.

DR. W. H. O'MEARA, Carlow, Deceased.
All persons having claims against the estate of above Deceased will please furnish them to the undersigned Solicitor.
PAUL A. BROWN, Solicitor, Carlow.

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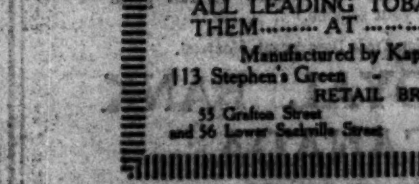

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

IRISH PEERS IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Your question in reference to the effect of the establishment of the Irish Free State on the Parliamentary *status* of Irish Representative Peers, which Viscount Cave, the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, ex *majore cautela*, refrains from answering, on the ground that "the point may have to be determined by the proper authorities," was answered in anticipation by Mr. Gladstone, speaking as Prime Minister in the House of Commons more than eight and thirty years ago. Mr. Gladstone, on April 8th, 1886, in his speech on the introduction of the Home Rule Bill of that year, said:—"Ireland is to have a domestic Legislature for Irish affairs. This is my first postulate from which I set out. Are Irish members of this House and Irish Representative Peers in the other House still to form part of the respective Assemblies? Now, I think it will be perfectly clear that, if Ireland is to have a domestic Legislature, Irish Peers and Irish representatives cannot come here to conduct English and Scottish affairs. The one thing follows the other. There cannot be a domestic Legislature in Ireland dealing with Irish affairs, and Irish Peers and Irish representatives sitting in Parliament at Westminster to take part in English and Scottish affairs."

The establishment of the Irish Free State as an equal member of the Community of Nations forming the British Commonwealth of Nations, the membership and *status* of the Irish Free State in the League of Nations, the exercise of all powers of government and all authority, legislative, executive and judicial, in the Irish Free State through organisations established by or under, and in accordance with, the Constitution of the Irish Free State, the provision in that Constitution that, save in case of actual invasion, the Irish Free State shall not be committed to active participation in any war without the assent of the Irish Parliament, make the retention of an Irish Representative Peerage in the House of Lords, after the establishment of the Irish Free State, absolutely unthinkable. The Irish Representative Peerage in the House of Lords is a museum of defects, a bundle of anomalies.—Yours, etc.,

J. G. SWIFT MACNEILL.

Dublin, December 23rd, 1923.

MEMORIAL CROSSES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—We shall be very much obliged if you will allow us, through the medium of your columns, to inform those who have helped us by collecting funds for the erection of memorial crosses in France, Flanders and Gallipoli, that subscriptions should be paid in to the Honorary Treasurers, Irish Battlefield Memorial Committee, at 38 Kildare street, Dublin. It will assist us if this be done before the end of December, as it is intended to issue a statement early in the new year showing the result of the appeal.

Although the full sum required has not yet been received, the Committee were in a position at their last meeting to order two out of the three crosses which are to be erected.—Yours, etc.,

W. B. HICKIE
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38 Kildare street, Dublin,
December 22nd, 1923.

INLAND FISHERIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Our Government are to be congratulated on their efforts to preserve our fisheries, which are a most valuable asset. No doubt, the new bill will be a great deterrent to poachers, as the penalties are heavy and leave little chance of reduction. To my mind, poaching in the past has not been carried on as a means of providing food for the men who indulged in it, but rather a commercial transaction, and apparently a ready market was easily obtained in our own city, provincial towns and across the water. I am an ardent trout fisher, and in years past rarely saw a brown trout for sale in the fishmongers' shops, but of late years, in the early spring and well into the summer, the stalls have been fully stocked with beautiful trout, ranging from 1lb. to 4lbs. I have looked into the windows at these beauties and envied the fisherman who had them on his rod; but the question always came into my mind whether it was possible that they were legally caught.

Can anyone inform me if it is legal to net trout in fresh water? If not, I think that it is "up to" the Fisheries Department to take every fishmonger, or other person who stalls trout or salmon, keep a register showing the number of fish of every sort received and giving the name and address of the person from whom they were bought. If poachers were not able to obtain a ready market for the fish, there would be little incentive to indulge in the pastime that spoils legitimate sport for thousands and depletes our lakes and rivers.—Yours, etc.,

"OLIVE QUILL."

Co. Dublin, December 22nd, 1923.

POSTAL DELAYS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I wish to congratulate the present Government on the remarkable celerity which the officials of their postal staff display. When I say "postal staff" I mean in particular the Dublin staff—which I understand in this particular instance to have been the Amiens street branch. I sent a telegram on Thursday from Kildare to a Dublin hotel, asking them to send a taxicab to meet the 2.15 p.m. train at Kingsbridge. The timemark on the telegram was 1.10 p.m.; the time of its arrival in Dublin 1.20 p.m.; but its delivery to the hotel was not till between 2.10 and 2.15 p.m. Hence, naturally, as the hotel they thought it too late to send the taxicab, so they did not, and I, having wasted some valuable time looking for the taxicab, which was not there, was obliged to take an outside car to Lansdowne road for the inter-University match between Dublin and Cambridge. Consequently, I arrived about half-time, instead of just a few minutes late. It hardly stimulates our telegraphic trade, to say the least of it, if it takes only fifteen minutes from Kildare to Amiens street, and less treble that time from there to a leading hotel in Dublin.—Yours, etc.,

R. MOSS O'FERRALL.

Kildangan, Monasterevan, Co. Kildare,
December 21st, 1923.

PROTECTION FOR IRISH INDUSTRIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Wheat is the material foundation of civilisation, and, without a certain supply of it prime necessary in any country in Christendom, disorder and revolution are bound to ensue, no matter what the form or name of the Government. A people or a nation cannot be really independent unless it grows or controls its own wheat supply. Ireland does neither. Every cargo, say, of three thousand tons of wheat imported into Ireland, if grown in Ireland, would, at the rate of sixteen barrels *per* acre, require fifteen hundred acres under wheat, and there would be probably at least three thousand acres more under other tillage crops in the rotation. A great many cargoes of wheat are imported in the year.

At present we depend almost entirely on foreigners to supply the material for our daily bread, and to a great extent on foreigners for the material for concentrated foodstuffs for our stock. On the same principle, we might as well give up rearing cattle and buy Canadian or other foreign store cattle, and give up making flour from imported wheat and buy the foreign flour.—Yours, etc.,

THOMAS WESTLAND GREENE.

Millbrook, Mageney, Co. Kildare,
December 22nd, 1923.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

CAROLS IN THE CHURCHES.

Special music befitting the Christmas season was rendered in the various churches in Dublin yesterday.

At the afternoon Service in St. Patrick's Cathedral a selection of Christmas carols, including three carols sung here for the first time, by Von Holst, Rutland Boughton and Kennedy Scott, was sung by the choir, instead of the usual anthems. The first was "In Bleak Mid-Winter," the words being by Christina G. Rossetti and the music by Harold Darke. The second, "A Snow-White Dove," is an old German folk-song arranged for four voices, by Brahms. It is an excellent example of perfect four-part writing, and contains great variety and interest for each voice. From the first to the last note no accidental appears. The others were—"The Snow Lay Deep," an old Irish melody, arranged and harmonised by Dr. Hewson; "The Holly and the Ivy," a carol from the choral drama, "Bethlehem," adapted from the Coventry Nativity Play, the music being by Rutland Boughton; "A Dream of Christmas," words from Mary Segar's mediæval Anthology, and music by Gustav von Holst; and "I Saw Three Ships," a traditional carol in musical setting by C. Kennedy Scott. This setting contains some excellent vocal effects, which add greatly to the brilliancy and cheerfulness of the music. The concluding voluntary was the overture to "Athalie" (Mendelssohn).

The offerings were for the Cathedral Sustentation Fund.

There will be a Christmas Carol Service in the Cathedral this evening at four o'clock.

Christmas carols were sung in Sandford Parish Church yesterday evening. The Service was Harwood in A flat, and the soloists were Miss Lilian Whittaker, Mr. Wesley Guard (Vicar Choral, St. Patrick's Cathedral), and Master Whitehead (soloist, Christ Church Cathedral). There was no sermon.

A selection of carols was sung at the evening Service in the Methodist Centenary Church, St. Stephen's Green, including "When the Crimson Sun" (*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*), "Three Kings Once Lived," "Good King Wenceslaus," "The Cherry Tree Carol," "A Virgin Unspotted," "On Christmas Morn," "We Sing a Song of Christmastide," and "God Rest You Merry."

There was a special musical Service in Brighton road Methodist Church in the evening, and also in Clontarf Methodist Church, where the cantata, "The Holy Child," was sung.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

THE OFFICIALS' UNION.

At the monthly meeting of the Executive of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union numerous applications for membership were received from officers of local authorities in Kildare, Offaly, Meath and Tipperary.

In view of the many urgent problems confronting officials of the Local Government services at the present time, the Executive decided to institute an active organising campaign in all centres of the Free State early in the coming year with the object of co-ordinating as much as possible the conditions governing the employment of officials in different centres of the country.

The Executive had under consideration the present precarious state of public finances consequent on the disturbed conditions prevalent during the past few years. In this connection it was decided to instruct the Parliamentary sub-committee of the Union to consider the finance problem with a view to suggesting to local authorities a means of securing some measure of relief from present difficulties, special refasence being made to the collection of township and poor rates throughout the country.

LADY CARSON'S BROTHER MARRIED.

The marriage took place at the Brompton Parish Church on Saturday afternoon of Lieutenant-Commander Ivo Frewen-Laton, brother of Lady Carson and younger son of Colonel Frewen-Laton, of Charlton Musgrove, Wincanton, and of Yorkshire, with Miss Katherine Joan Bailey, daughter of the late Major Bailey and of Mrs. Fortescue-Sells, of Crown Hill, South Devon.

The bride, who was given away by her stepfather, Captain W. Fortescue-Sells, wore a gown of white satin charmeuse, trimmed at one side with a trail of orange-blossom and a wreath of silver-brocade. Her tulle veil was held by a diamond and silver leaf bandeau, and she carried a bouquet of lilies. Her pages were the Hon. Edward Carson, the son of Lord and Lady Carson, and Master Richard Frewen, nephew of the bride, who were accompanied up the aisle by Miss Inagh Frewen, sister of the bride, and Miss Patricia Jameson.

The little girls wore sky-blue silk dresses, with the skirts veiled with silver net, and they wore Cupid caps of silver net, trimmed with ribbons, and carried bouquets of lilies-of-the-valley. The boys wore white sailor suits.

The Rev. C. E. Wilson and Prebendary Gough, rector, officiated, and Paymaster-Lieutenant R. H. Johnson was best man.

A guard of honour was formed by naval officers the friends of the bridegroom after the Service. The reception was held at the De Vere Hotel.

A Section of the Royal Ulster Rifles at Waterloo, en route for Ireland, where they are spending their Christmas Leave.

Lady Constance Butler, daughter of the late Marquis of Ormonde, who is now in charge of the X-Ray Department at St. Andrew's Hospital, Dollis Hill, London.

Aberdeen University v. Three Rock Rovers, at Foxrock, Dublin, on Saturday.
The two Captains Tossing. W. Mackay (Aberdeen) and J. S. Mahoney (Three Rock Rovers), with the Rev. J. S. Crockett. Mahoney Tries a Shot.

Pilkington (Three Rock Rovers) attempts to Stop Stalker. A Half-time Sidelight in the Bective v. Lansdowne Match. Old Wesley 2nd v. Antiquity, at Milltown.

Ulster Trials Hockey Match at Eladon Drive.
Whites—W. Burrowes (Antrim), J. Smith (East Antrim), V. Winter (Holywood), J. McKeown (Banbridge), H. Curry (Antrim) (capt.), G. C. Bennington. (Queen's), J. M'Killop (Antrim), J. Hannon (Antrim), R. Martin (East Antrim), R. T. Bailey (Lisnagarvey), R. W. Moore (Cliftonville).
Colours—H. Greenfield (Lisnagarvey), A. Cull (Banbridge), J. T. Smith (Downpatrick), H. C. Cull (Banbridge) (capt.), T. Jamieson (Ards), J. Corken (South Antrim), J. Coburn (Banbridge), W. N. M'William (Banbridge), S. Copeland (Ards), Tate (Queen's), J. Strahan (Queen's).

CHRISTMAS TRAVELLERS.

ARRIVALS AT THE NORTH WALL.

On Saturday and Sunday, at the North and South Walls of the Liffey, thousands of passengers were dealt with by various lines of cross-Channel steamers.

Nearly 1,000 holiday travellers came from Holyhead in the London, Midland and Scottish Company's express steamer, Arvonia, which was run as a special boat in order to reduce pressure on the mail route to the Carlisle Pier. The Arvonia arrived at her old berth at the North Wall, and 825 saloon and 456 third class passengers came ashore.

A special train of the Midland Great Western Railway was run from the North Wall Station of the London, Midland and Scottish Company, and carried a large number of the arrivals to stations in the Midland counties, while motor cars, cabs, and outside cars had a busy time conveying passengers from the North Wall to destinations in Dublin or to the railway stations. Two steamers of the Burns-Laird Line on Saturday morning, from the Clyde—the ss. Magpie and the Puma—brought hundreds of passengers to Dublin, and the Lady Kerry, arriving yesterday morning from Glasgow and Greenock, added a generous contribution to the total. The Ardmore, from Liverpool, yesterday, and the Yarrow, from Silloth and Belfast, augmented the landing of Christmas passengers. The Lady Killiney, having brought in passengers from Liverpool on Saturday morning, sailed again on Saturday night. The Heysham route was also well patronised in each direction.

ORDINATIONS AT HOLY CROSS COLLEGE.

The Most Rev. Dr. Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin, conferred the following Orders at Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, on Saturday:—

Ordained Priests—Rev. James Thompson, C.M.; Rev. Fr. Peter Paul Boyle, C.P.; Rev. Fr. Terence Barrett, C.P.; Rev. Fr. Bede Devine, C.P.; Rev. Fr. Cormac Healy, O.P.; Rev. Fr. Vincent Ryan, O.P.; and Rev. Fr. Aigidius Doolan, O.P.

Deacons—Rev. John Murphy, Rev. Michael Ryan, Rev. Anthony Joyce, Rev. John Hurley, C.M.; Rev. James Green, O.M.I.; Rev. Patrick Greene, O.M.I.

Sub-deacons—Messrs. Michael Fitzsimmons, O.M.I.; Philip Dunnber, O.M.I.; Patrick MacCarthy, O.M.I.; Peter O'Neill, O.M.I.; and Frater Pius Doran, O.D.C.

The following received the Orders of Porter and Lector:—Gualfater Macarian O'Beirne, O.P.; Frater Thomas Deering, O.P.; Fr. Angus Byrne, O.P.; Fr. Terence O'Donoghue, O.P.; Fr. Michael Moylan, O.D.C.; Mr. Richard Daly, C.S.Sp.; Mr. Michael Finnegan, C.S.Sp.; Mr. John MacCarthy, C.S.Sp.; Mr. Roger Cleary, C.S.Sp.; Mr. Denis Mullane, C.S.Sp.

The following received Orders of Exorcist and Acolyte:—Mr. Patrick O'Reilly, O.M.I.; Mr. John Buckley, O.M.I.; Mr. Richard Kelly, O.M.I.; Mr. Augustine Browne, O.M.I.; Mr. Robert Cormican, O.M.I.; Mr. Patrick M'Gouran, O.M.I.; Mr. Joseph Cullen, C.M.; Mr. Daniel, C.M.; Mr. James Meenan, C.S.Sp.

FUNERAL OF SIR J. WALTON BROWNE.

A great tribute of respect was paid on Saturday to the late Sir John Walton Browne, M.D., LL.D., D.L., when his remains were laid to rest in the Belfast City Cemetery. There was a remarkably large attendance at his funeral, representative not only of the members of his own profession but also of the business and commercial classes in the city. Education in all its branches, the Law, and the Church, as well as the public boards and the different local hospitals, were represented in the cortege. Opposite the University, of which Sir John Walton Browne was a Senator, a five minutes' halt was made, and then the journey was continued to the cemetery.

The chief mourners were:—Colonel and Mrs. Young (son-in-law and daughter), Dr. Samuel Browne, R.N. (brother), Mr. J. S. Irwin, Mr. Denis Irwin, Mr. Stuart Irwin, Mr. Howard Stevenson, F.R.C.S.; Sir Robert Liddell, D.L.; and Rev. D. A. Taylor.

AERODROME ARREST.

ALLEGED FALSE TAX RETURNS.

Arrested when about to fly to Paris from Croydon, Noel Blake Ducker (28), company director, of West End Lane, Hampstead, was again charged on remand at Marlborough street, London, with conspiring with his brother, Philip, believed to be out of the country, to defraud the Inland Revenue of large sums in respect of income tax and excess profits duty due from Ineeto, Ltd., a company which dealt in toilet preparations.

The defendant had twice been remanded for six months for the purpose of sanatoria treatment.

The alleged fraud covered five periods from 1914-1919 and from 1920-1921, false accounts, it is alleged, being submitted during the first period and false entries during the latter. The prosecution also alleged that large sums of money were paid into the private banking accounts of both defendants which escaped taxation and which ought to have been brought into the company's accounts.

When about to board the air liner, the defendant was stopped, and he then explained to a police officer that he was about to fly to France to see his brother about the affairs of Ineeto.

Mr. J. C. Forrester gave evidence regarding profit and loss accounts and balance sheets he prepared from the company's books. He said the defendant joined the army on the outbreak of war, and as far as witness could see had nothing to do with the accounts of the business up to 1918, when witness's connection with the company ceased.

The case was again adjourned, bail being granted.

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

At the weekly meeting of the Governors of the Royal Irish Academy of Music, held at Westland Row, Dublin, Mr. James W. Drury, M.A., presided.

The following were also present:—Major Arthur Whewell, Mr. George Prescott, A.M.I.E.E.; Sir John Irwin, J.P.; Mr. B. W. Rooke, Mus.Bac., F.C.O.; Mr. Frank Wynne, Mr. J. E. Geoghegan; Mr. J. Russell Stritch, J.P.; Mr. Dermod O'Brien, D.L., President, Royal Hibernian Academy; and Mr. C. E. Grahame Harvey, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed, and the minutes of the Finance and Routine Committees were read and signed.

The examiners' reports on the annual examinations were read, and the following awards were made:—

Organ.—Vandeleur Academy Scholarship—Miss Vera Wilcox. Vandeleur Scholarship—Miss Lilian Reeves.

Harmony and Counterpoint Vandeleur Academy Scholarship—Miss Eleanor Reddy. Vandeleur Scholarship—Mr. Frank Harrison.

Violin.—Vandeleur Academy Scholarship—Miss Mabel Kenny. Vandeleur Scholarship—Miss Alice Brough. Coulson Academy Scholarship—Miss Mary C. Vize. Coulson Exhibition—Mr. William Casey.

Violoncello.—Vandeleur Academy Scholarship—Miss Daphne Thompson. Vandeleur Scholarship—Miss Hilda Wallis. Coulson Academy Scholarship—Miss Myra Jephson. Pass Certificate in Teaching—Miss Kathleen O'Meara.

Chamber Music, piano and violin duet—1st prize, Miss Rhona Clarke, Mr. Christopher Kiernan.

The Academy will be closed for Christmas vacation from 24th December to 5th January, both dates inclusive.

Having disposed of the remaining business on the agenda, the Board adjourned.

WESTERN SHOOTING CHARGE.

A GAMEKEEPER'S EVIDENCE.

At the Rooskey District Court, before Mr. C. J. Beatty, Andrew Faughnan, Farnaught, Dromod, was charged with having, on 16th November, at Lambert's Park, Derrycarne, attempted to murder Donald Foster, Derrywillow, by firing at him with a shot gun.

Donald Foster, who is a gamekeeper on the demesne of the Hon. Ormsby Gore, stated in a deposition that on the occasion Faughnan was on the demesne lands with a double-barrelled gun, and a red setter. When he called on him he said that Faughnan fired deliberately at him, and the pellets struck him in the right eye. Foster threw himself on the ground, and a second shot was fired, which went over him. Foster then got up and ran away, and a third shot was fired at him. Foster went in the direction of the railway, and another shot was fired. Faughnan kept following him, and he shouted to a man, named Doherty, who was on the railway line.

To Mr. T. W. Delany (for the defence), he said that he never used the name of Colonel Farrelly for the getting of a permit for a gun. He never told Faughnan that he could shoot over Mr. Gore's lands. He heard that Faughnan had two brothers-in-law, Colonel Farrelly and Colonel Davis, in the National Army, and he did believe that Faughnan would have influence to secure a permit for a gun for him.

Michael Doherty said that he heard three shots fired that day. He heard Mr. Foster shouting and came towards him, and he told him to go away. He saw Andrew Faughnan go in the direction of the railway, and he was not doing anything. He had a gun with him.

Mr. Beatty returned the defendant for trial to the next Quarter Sessions at Carrick-on-Shannon, and allowed bail.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The curacy of Clontarf Parish is vacant owing to the death of the late curate, the Rev. J. F. Shearman.

At a meeting of the select vestry of Harold's Cross Parish held last week the following resolution was passed in silence:—"The select vestry of the Parish of Harold's Cross, on the occasion of the death of their late rector, the Rev. Canon Jennings, desire to place on record their gratitude and that of the parish to Almighty God for his twenty-two years' ministry among them, and offer their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Jennings and family on their great loss, and pray that the Spirit of Comfort may be with them in their sorrow."

A mission of hope and encouragement will be held in the Diocese of Armagh under the auspices of the Armagh Clerical Union next Lent. The following is the list of missioners:—The Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Revs. Archdeacon Hemphill, Dr. Stephenson, L. P. Story, Fergus Greer, Archdeacon Foley, J. B. Goff, Canon Moeran, G. Scott, R. Bird, Canon Lockett Ford, H. C. S. Macready, H. O'Connor, F. S. Atkinson, S. M. Hanley, and others.

The Rev. J. Boyle has been nominated to the Union of Inniskeel and Lettermacward (Diocese of Derry). The Rev. T. Kelly has been appointed by the Bishop to the incumbency of Donagheady, in the same diocese.

ORDINATION IN DERRY.

Mr. James Godfrey MacManaway, B.A., T.C.D., was ordained in Derry Cathedral yesterday by Bishop Peacocke, to the order of Deacon. The new Deacon is a son of the Bishop of Clogher. He has been appointed Curate of Drumachose and Carrick, Limavady.

A WATERFORD FIRE.

LICENSED PREMISES DESTROYED.

A serious fire occurred on Saturday night in Patrick street, Waterford, involving the complete destruction of the licensed premises of Messrs. Patrick Nolan and Sons. The fire was not observed until about two o'clock yesterday morning. By that time neighbours and Messrs. Nolan themselves, who had retired to rest in their fancy warehouse premises, next door, were startled by the sudden heat. The flames had made great headway, and it was apparent that nothing could be done to save the publichouse. The Civic Guard, the military and the local Fire Brigade set to work to save the adjoining houses.

With a loud crash, the centre of the burning building collapsed. Mr. Patrick Nolan, sen., and his son, Patrick, jun., in endeavouring to recover some valuable papers from the flames, were badly burned.

The damage is estimated at several thousands of pounds.

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FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. CHARLES INGLIS MOORE.

The funeral of Mr. Charles Inglis Moore, late managing director of Messrs. Switzer and Co., took place at Dean's Grange Cemetery on Saturday. The Rev. James Snowden, B.A., officiated at the graveside.

The chief mourners were:—Messrs. Robert Moore, M.D.; John G. Moore, and James Moore (brothers).

The following representatives of Messrs. Switzer and Co. attended:—Messrs. John S. Switzer, F.B. Switzer, C. C. Avison, Sir James Percy (directors); John H. Harris, manager; W. F. Hannen, secretary; Thomas Rogers, S. Parkes, J. Wallace, H. Bosworth, W. Patterson, D. Llewellyn, R. Barclay, P. Bain, J. Hafria, J. P. Luizzi, M. Dillon, Ed. Long.

Amongst the general public were:—Messrs. A. H. Seale, John Matthews, Edward Lee, George A. Newcomen, O.B.E., Thomas J. Duncan, W. A. McComas, L. H. K. Gamble, C. J. Law, W. J. Smalldridge, George A. Newsom, J. B. Stephens, W. McFerran, Henry D. Freeman, W. A. Biggs, James Smith, Hugh McClintock, M.D., W. R. Graham, D. H. Bailey, Dr. W. R. Graham, Robert Holmes, George E. Core, H. R. Newland, Rev. J. W. Mayne, Rev. W. Ward, Arthur S. Chapman, T. W. Gamble, Rex. Gamble, Herbert Gamble, John G. Moore, jun.; John Byers, Walter M. L. Byers, Henry Wiesle, Robert Woods, Arthur Woods, K. Woods, H. Hammond, M. R. Gill, G. P. Boran, R. R. W. Doran, R. Connelly, John F. Shiels, Gordon E. Horsey, George A. Thompson, A. E. Cairns, E. M. Fagan, Henry Kellett, David Kellett, George M. Sterling, G. H. B. Kennedy, Peter Good, W. Wood, G. V. Poullen, H. Luttrell, N. Luttrell, P. W. MacNamara, A. Burns, R. Sharpe, F. C. Kerr, F. Townsend Gick, H. C. Palmer, R. W. Dunkley, John Russell, F. F. Harris, Edward Byrne, T. Barber.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Waller.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

The preacher at Morning Service (11 o'clock) to-morrow in Christ Church Cathedral will be the Archbishop of Dublin. The Afternoon Service will be at 3.30 o'clock. The usual Christmas selections from Handel's "Messiah" will be rendered at these Services.

The Dean invites the citizens to visit the Cathedral on St. Stephen's Day, when a lecture on the history of the Cathedral will be given at 12 noon by the Rev. W. Ross Browne, and the Crypt, as well as the Cathedral, will be open free to visitors.

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THE SEIZURE OF BREAFFY HOUSE.

HARES SHOT FROM THE WINDOWS.

At the Special (Criminal Injury) Sessions held at Castlebar before Judge Doyle, K.C., Major D. S. Browne, D.L., claimed £4,220 3s. 6d. for damage done to his residence, Breaffy House; £250 for hay burned, £13 for money taken. Noel Sidney Browne, claimed £54 2s. 6d. for personal belongings; A. S. Browne £195 for guns, etc.; Miss Browne £36, and Mrs. Browne £59 9s.

Mr. John Garvey, M.A., appeared for the applicants.

Major Browne said that in April, 1922, his house was taken over by Irregulars. He produced a notice served on him, in which it was stated that this action was taken on account of the persecution of the Catholics in the North and in order to make provision for them. The witness and his family had to leave for England, and the house and place were occupied for six weeks. After they returned home they found a large number of articles missing.

With regard to the claim for £4,200, he gave particulars of the damage that had been done and the goods looted, such as valuable sporting guns, fishing tackle, antiques, whiskeys wines, coal and timber. His gamekeepers reported to him that the pheasants were shot in the nests, and the hares, of which he had a large supply, actually shot from the mansion. When the hares came up to the house to feed the Irregulars potted them through the windows. Three farms were "commandeered." Fences were broken and foodstuffs destroyed. Two hundred chickens and also fat cattle were killed.

Mrs. Browne gave evidence of the articles that had been taken. The house was left in a most filthy condition. The blankets and linen were left in an unmentionable state, and they had to be sent away to be disinfected and washed. All the closets, boxes, bags, etc., were smashed open.

Miss Browne deposed that her boots, fur coats and underclothing, as well as prize fowl, were taken.

His Honour struck out some of the items and made awards in the others.

BURST WATER MAIN.

HOUSES FLOODED.

The bursting of a 22-inch water main in Heaton, a residential district of Bradford, late on Saturday night, caused considerable damage. The water tore up the roadway and flooded the cellar kitchens of ten houses. In some cases the water was breast high. Several party walls collapsed, and in one case a wringing machine was carried from the cellar kitchen of one house into that of the next.

Mr. William Lochhead, manager of the London office, Clydesdale Bank, Ltd., died on Saturday, aged 13 years.

PLATFORM, SCREEN, AND STAGE.

THE PANTOMIMES.

Pantomime season at the Gaiety and Olympia Theatres opens on St. Stephen's night. The Gaiety production is "Dick Whittington," with Olive Fox as principal boy. There will be matinees every day for the first week. "Aladdin" is the selection of the Olympia management. The title *rôle* will be played by Fay Black, and announcements as to matinee performances are to be found in our advertising columns.

The Queen's Theatre pantomime, "Cinderella," has been attracting big audiences every night since its first presentation. This week there will be matinee performances on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The management of the Theatre Royal are presenting the exceedingly successful comedy "Partners Again," with the popular Abe and Mawruss as the partners. The best jokes and patter in the "Potash-Perlmutter" repertory will again claim the acquaintance of Dublin audiences. The characters of Abe and Mawruss will be the same lovable freaks in the hands of Robert Leonard and Philip White.

On Wednesday next and for the remainder of the week a new play, entitled "First Aid," from the pen of Mr. George Shiels, will be produced at the Abbey Theatre. As the author of "Paul Twyning" and "Bedmates," Mr. Shiels is well-known to Abbey audiences, and his latest production will be awaited with interest. Mr. Lennox Robinson's "The Whiteheaded Boy" will also be presented. Performances will commence at 8 p.m., and there will be matinees on Wednesday and Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

The Dixie Minstrels in an entirely new programme head the Tivoli bill. Their success last week augurs well for their second appearance. They will be supported by Jaskoe, in a balancing act; Carello, novelty foot equilibrist, and O'Meara and Mayson, in vaudeville tit-bits.

The screen version of Temple Thurston's clever play, "The Wandering Jew," is the principal picture at La Scala Theatre this week.

NEW TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Joint Nursing and Midwives' Council for Northern Ireland has decided that Derry City and Unity Infirmary shall be recognised as a training school for nurses, provided that the syllabus of training of the Joint Council is adopted, and that applicants for training are subjected to a proper test of general education before admission. The syllabus is already in operation, and the other requirements will be fulfilled.

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Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, Belfast, 5th December.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE TO MOTORISTS.
MOTOR TAXATION DEPARTMENT.
COUNTY DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.
Notice is hereby given that the Office for Licensing and Registration will be Closed from the 24th inst. to the 27th inst., both days inclusive.
By Order.
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11 Parnell square, Dublin,
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THE MUNSTER AND LEINSTER BANK, LIMITED.
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Cork, 20th December, 1923.

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REGISTRATION OF CLUBS (IRELAND).
I hereby give Notice that I intend to apply at the District Court, Limerick, for a Renewal of the Registration of the County Club, Limerick.
G. B. FARMER, Secretary.
22nd December, 1923.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference. — A depression is centred between the Faroes and Norway, and a secondary is developing off the British North-West coasts. The joint system is likely to move south-east. Showers of sleet or snow are probable over most of the Kingdom, with bright periods and a low temperature. In the extreme South-West some rain is likely, with a moderate temperature at first, falling later.

N.W. and N.E. Ireland.—Winds between west and north, fresh or strong at times; bright intervals; showers of sleet or snow; visibility otherwise good; cold; night frost inland.

S.E. and S.W. Ireland. — Wind westerly, veering, strong at times; variable cloud; probably some rain; visibility moderate; moderate temperature, falling later.

South-West Seaboard, Mouth of Channel to South-West Ireland. — Wind westerly, veering, strong at times; variable cloud; probably some rain and mist; sea rather rough.

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel; North-West Seaboard, Northern Ireland to Hebrides. — Wind westerly or north-westerly, fresh or strong at times; variable cloud; showers of sleet or snow; visibility otherwise good; sea moderate or rather rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.

Dublin—Saturday (1 p.m.)	30
" Sunday (3 p.m.)	30

SUN.

	Rises	Sets
To-day	8.39	4. 9
To-morrow	8.39	4.10
Lighting-up Time		5. 9

HIGH WATER.

	Morning	Afternoon
DUBLIN.		
To-day	11.57	—
To-morrow	0.25	0.32
BELFAST.		
To-day	11.24	11.43
To-morrow	—	0. 5
QUEENSTOWN.		
To-day	6. 1	6.17
To-morrow	6.33	6.47

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Theatre Royal—"Partners Again," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Cinderella," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre—The Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9.
La Scala Theatre—"The Wandering Jew," 3 to 10.30 p.m.
Metropole Cinema—"Mamma's Affair."
Grafton Picture House—"Racing Hearts."
Corinthian Picture House—"Flower of the North."
Bohemian Picture Theatre—"A Virgin's Sacrifice."
Stella Cinema, Rathmines—"Mr. Barnes of New York."
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"Headin' West," 3.30 to 10.15 p.m.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

SLIGHT ILLNESS AT HIS SURREY HOME.

Owing to a very severe cold, Mr. Lloyd George was unable to leave London for Criccieth on Saturday morning.

He was to have left Euston Station at 10.45, but all arrangements were cancelled, and it is understood that he will remain at Churt, his Surrey residence, over the week-end, probably travelling to Wales to-day.

The Irish Times

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1923.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

Armed men on Saturday night raided and robbed several shops in Dublin.—(Page 5.)

It is stated that the employés of the Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Company are to ballot on the proposal to reduce their wages in the new year.—(Page 5.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

A further outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease occurred in Leicestershire on Saturday. One hundred and sixteen head of cattle were slaughtered at a farm near Leicester. In all 52 outbreaks were notified on Saturday.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD.

The French airship Dixmude (formerly the Zeppelin 72) is adrift off the coast of Africa.—(Page 5.)

M. Poincaré declares that France will not grant any more concessions to Germany.—(Page 5.)

SPORTING.

The future of the National Stud is discussed at length by our Special Racing Correspondent.—(Page 7.)

Snow caused an abandonment of the Lingfield Race Meeting on Saturday.—(Page 7.)

At Lansdowne road on Saturday Lansdowne defeated Bective Rangers at Rugby football by 11 points to 5.—(Page 7.)

The Message of Peace.

Christmas comes with a message not only of spiritual assurance, but of material hope, for Western civilisation. There is some prospect that the tangle of Germany's affairs is about to be unravelled at last and that France and England will renew their confident friendship. If the settlement is made quickly, trade will improve in Great Britain and the spectre of unemployment will cease to add grimness to the uncertainties of domestic politics. Our neighbours across the Channel, being a practical people, will make the most of this Christmas as a blessed interlude between the tumult of a general election and the almost inevitable Parliamentary crisis that looms upon the threshold of the New Year. For once in the long history of these islands, our own situation may be held more fortunate. Northern Ireland has come bravely through a period of industrial depression and now sees better things in store. Conditions in the Free State have improved vastly during the past twelve months. In our issue of Saturday, the 23rd December, 1922, we recorded a long catalogue of deeds of crime and disorder. The *Irish Times* refused then to take the pessimistic view; but, in urging its readers to face the future with stout hearts, it said: "We need every ounce of courage, strength and sanity that Ireland possesses if we are to grapple successfully with the dangers that confront us." To-day we can believe that the Government's courage and the people's sanity have prevailed. In some respects, of course—especially in the vital matter of the *Saorstat's* permanent relations with Northern Ireland—the outlook continues to be obscure. Crime still lifts its ugly head, even in our capital city. A hundred national problems, economic and social, remain to be solved. Nevertheless, the essentials of security have been achieved. Order has won a definite triumph over anarchy, and our young State has found a sure foothold in the faith and loyalty of its citizens.

Deus nobis hæc otia fecit. Wherever Christian worship is held to-morrow throughout the *Saorstat* good Irishmen and Irishwomen will mingle with their customary devotions a special note of praise and thanksgiving. Human wilfulness has seemed to defeat God's intention grievously and in many ways; yet in the last twelve months this nation, as a nation, has made more progress towards the fulfilment of the Christmas message than in the previous seven hundred years. It has closed its long quarrel with England, has taken its due place in the Imperial Commonwealth and has been admitted to membership of the world's League of Peace. Within the *Saorstat* the year has seen a great breaking down of barriers and a wonderful release of the long-sealed fountains of good-will. Terms that had stood for many generations as marks of bitter differences in politics have become obsolete. Churches, turned suddenly, as it were, into the same cage, have refused to bite or tear one another. Irishmen of all creeds and classes have discovered not only that they can dwell and work in amity, but that such amity is a condition of the national welfare. Furthermore, during the past year the country has acquired the virtue of self-respect; it is realising that it has a destiny to which its gifts are equal. When it realises also that not only brains and character, but sacrifice and toil, are necessary to the building of States, it will be launched fairly on the path of progress. There is little danger, we think, that any sensible Irishman will be made arrogant or over-confident by the change in his country's fortunes: too much remains to be done; everywhere around us the traces of our own wickedness and folly are too evident. Deep thankfulness and high resolve are the feelings proper to the celebration of the Free State's second Christmas. We hope that all our readers will celebrate it in that spirit and will be happy.

Railways and Art.

The gloom of the average railway station is proverbial; but the London, Midland and Scottish Company has decided to change this condition of affairs so far as its wide-flung system is concerned. It has engaged the services of no fewer than seventeen members of the Royal Academy at once to adorn its railway stations and to advertise the beauty spots and industries in which the company is interested. The scheme already is well under weigh. Mr. George Henry has painted a fine picture of Edinburgh; Sir David Murray is busy on a pourtrayal of Conway Castle; Mr. D. Y. Cameron is looking after Highland scenery, and the industrial propaganda has been left in the hands of Mr. George Clausen. Among the other well-known artists who will help the company are Sir William Orpen, who is painting a big locomotive with its driver and fireman, Mr. Augustus John, and Mr. M. Greiffenhagen. Thus in a few months visitors to England may expect to find a remarkable transformation. The young lady with the brightly-hued golf jacket and the impossible stance will have disappeared from the station walls, and, we hope, the posters inviting tourists to Ireland will have ceased to look like an advertisement for a new dentifrice. The artists' posters ought to bring about a minor revolution in pictorial advertisement, and we have no doubt at all that they will have excellent economic, as well as æsthetic, results. A picture by Orpen or John would attract more tourists to Ireland than a thousand "chocolate box" advertisements of alleged Irish colleens; and, as the London, Midland and Scottish Company controls the bulk of our tourist traffic, we trust that this country will not be forgotten in its scheme.

British railway stations are dismal places; but what can one say of those in Ireland? Nearly all our companies have shown a magnificent disregard for the people's æsthetic sense, and we venture to assert that Dublin's railway stations, for sheer ugliness, hardly could be surpassed. Most of the advertisements with which their walls are covered would be discreditable to a Lancashire mining village. No attempt seems to have been made to make the stations attractive, and we scarcely can imagine a more melancholy experience than a half-an-hour's wait for a train at any of them. The provincial stations are just as bad, and in many cases much worse. They are disfigured by broken penny-in-the-slot machines, gaudy posters, and waiting-rooms which remind one irresistibly of morgues. Visitors from abroad often comment, more in pity than in reproach, on these forbidding places, and a little enterprise in this respect would do a great deal to improve our tourist traffic. We do not suggest that Irish railway companies should follow the example of the London, Midland and Scottish Company, which has a capital of £400,000,000. The artists' fees alone probably would absorb a half-year's profits. We do suggest, however, that some attempt should be made to beautify the Irish stations. Next year, in all probability, hundreds of thousands of visitors will come to Ireland in connection, *inter alia*, with the Tailteann Games. They will travel throughout the country, and, next to the hotels, the railway stations will occupy the foremost place in their immediate impressions of our island. A modest scheme of artistic improvement would be well worth the money which it would cost; for it would set a new and much-needed standard of beauty to the people.

Sleeping Sickness.

Much interest has been aroused among British medical men by the announcement that the tests of "Bayer 205," which were carried out in Central Africa, have met with conspicuous success. "Bayer 205" is claimed by its German inventor to be virtually a certain cure for that baffling disease known as sleeping sickness. It was discovered about three years ago at the Bayer Chemical Works near Cologne, and, like Ehrlich's great discovery, is an ultimate derivative of atoxyl, containing nothing but carbon, nitrogen and hydrogen. It is named "205" because that number of experiments was carried out before a satisfactory result was obtained. Beyond these facts, however, nothing is known to the world of science, and the Germans, apparently, have no intention of parting with their secret. They assert that the mere possession of this secret has given them the key to tropical Africa, and there is no doubt that it will be a very strong weapon in their hands. No other disease has wrought more havoc than sleeping sickness, and, if it could be exterminated, the whole future of the African Continent would be revolutionised. The "fly belts" could be opened up for settlement, vast tracts of land could be reclaimed for white men and the whole race would benefit by the removal of one of its most deadly scourges. Until further experiment has proved the power of "Bayer 205" beyond yea or nay, however, Germany's boast that it will give her control of tropical Africa may be taken for what it is worth. Nevertheless, it would be churlish to deny that German research has done magnificent work for the conquest of disease, and the fact that the only clinic in Europe for purely tropical diseases is in Hamburg is a standing reproach to the enterprise of other nations.

In Memoriam.

For the lifetime of this generation Christmas always will call up memories of the dead of the world war. We are now beginning to realise what was won for us by those whose chairs at our hearths are empty. Our tables are loaded, our children are happy, our streets are bright; but, if the war had been lost, our plight would be worse than Germany's or Russia's. If the blockade, which came far nearer success than most people are aware, had succeeded, England's complex civilisation would have tumbled in utter ruin, and Ireland, whose prosperity is bound up with her neighbour's, would have been desolated as after the great Famine. Unveiling a war memorial last week, Mr. Baldwin said that later generations would be happier in being able to see the conflict in true perspective, free from the confusion of controversy and sordid things "which rose among good deeds like poisonous fungi." He remarked, too, that England was almost alone in that the strain since the war had provoked no violent outbreaks, no attacks upon the Constitution. Is not this the finest tribute that the English can pay to their dead—to preserve from home-born ills that which they saved? England was stirred in her soul by the great national testing, and for us in Ireland the issue is already burningly clear. Already Ireland cries in the face of the world—

"My faithful, my children,
My lovers who never hurt me,"

and takes courage to tread the forward track. It is well to remember that the Irish homes in which the dead of the Great War will be commemorated this Christmas are the homes of all ranks of the nation. In remembering them with pride, all those who live will be at one.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The King and Queen are now in residence at York Cottage, where the Duke and Duchess of York are with them, and the Prince of Wales and Prince Henry will join the party to-day. The Princess Royal and her daughters, Princess Arthur of Connaught and Lady Maud Carnegie, the Earl of Macduff, and Lord Carnegie are spending Christmas at Sandringham with Queen Alexandra, and Princess Victoria, and the King and Queen of Norway and Prince Olaf are at Appleton House. Princess Mary will be the only absentee from the immediate Royal circle. She and Viscount Lascelles and their little son are at Goldsborough Hall, Yorkshire, where they will give a Christmas entertainment to the tenantry and employés on the estate this week.

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Three magnificent pieces of plate, formerly in the late Duke of Cumberland's collection, have been presented by the Committee and staffs of the Middlesex Hospital to the Earl of Athlone, chairman of the institution, and Princess Alice, as a token of their esteem. The regret felt at their approaching departure for South Africa was expressed by Mr. F. Cavendish Bentinck, vice-chairman, when making the presentation.

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The Netherlands Minister left London last Saturday for Switzerland, where the Swiss Minister is also spending the Christmas vacation. The Persian Minister has left London for Nice. The Aga Khan has left Nice for Monte Carlo, where recent arrivals include the Countess of Wilton, General Sir Thomas and Lady Gallwey, Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth and Lady Meux, Lady V. de Trafford, Lord Cecil Manners, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. E. B. Mackintosh, Colonel and Mrs. Halliday, and Sir Harry and Lady Samuel.

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The Duke of Argyll has arrived at Inveraray Castle from London. Ina Duchess of Argyll will spend Christmas at her residence at Campbelltown. The Duchess of Norfolk is entertaining a family party at Arundel Castle this week. The Earl and Countess of Cavan, the Earl and Countess of Lovelace, Countess Annesley, Viscount Chaplin and Lady Newson have returned to spend Christmas in London. Among the latest departures from London are Princess Murat for Paris, the Duke and Duchess of Wellington for Ewhurst Park, the Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury for St. Giles's House, Salisbury, Lord Beaverbrook for New York, the Earl and Countess of Glasgow for Biarritz, the Earl of Ypres for the Riviera, and Admiral Sir Percy Scott for Malta.

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To-day the Earl of Wicklow, who is in residence at Shelton Abbey, celebrates his forty-sixth birthday. In 1891 he succeeded his father as seventh holder of the Earldom, which in 1793 had been conferred on the widow of the first Viscount Wicklow. The present peer was formerly in the 2nd Life Guards, and now holds major's rank in the Special Cavalry Reserve. In 1905 he was elected a Representative Peer of Ireland. By his marriage with the late Lady Gladys Hamilton, daughter of the second Duke of Abercorn, he has one son, Lord Clonmore, who attained his majority in October.

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Lord Decies left London last Saturday for the Continent. Lady Decies and their children are spending Christmas in London. Sir Eyre and Lady Coote, who have been on the Continent for some weeks, have left Milan for Lake Garda. Lord Farnham, who spent last week in Ireland, has returned to Germany, where he and Lady Farnham are living at present.

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The International Polo Tournament at Cannes, which will take place next month, is already attracting much attention. At least nine nationalities will be represented, and several by more than one team. The British entries include the Marquis of Cholmondeley, the Earl of Airlie, Captain the Hon. David Leslie Melville, the Hon. Kenneth Mackay, the Right Hon. Winston Churchill, Sir Ernest Horlick, Wing-Commander P. K. Wise, Colonel T. P. Melvill, Colonel L. C. Swifte, Major Rees-Mogg, Major Phipps Hornby, Major H. A. Wernher, Major H. E. Lyons, Major F. B. Hurndall, Major Kirkwood, Major Philip Magor, Captain W. C. Steel and Mr. W. Balding.

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Captain Sir Harold Nutting, who has been hunting the Meynell Hounds for some time, has resigned the Mastership, and is about to dispose of Brocksford Hall, Derbyshire, which he purchased recently. The Meynell Hunt ball is arranged for February 6th, and will be held in the Assembly Rooms, Derby.

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The marriage of Doctor George Fraser, Beresford House, Blenheim Crescent, Notting Hill, London, W., and Miss Eileen Sullivan, 65 Northumberland road, Dublin, will take place in Dublin the second week in January.

Switzers New Restaurant, first floor, 90 Grafton street, entrance also by Débutante Gallery, to which two lifts operate continuously during the day. The Restaurant will remain open until 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

Charming Collection of Fur Coats, Fur-trimmed Coats and Stoles, suitable for Christmas Presents, at Switzers.

Holmes' for Christmas and New Year Gifts. Open all day to-day.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

The "Geisha" Café, South King street, adjoining Gaiety Theatre—When Christmas shopping call for hot luncheons, good teas, home made cakes and scones, chocolates. Real good value.

Victorian Evening Gown in rose patterned taffetas, with berthe of silver lace, for 7½ gns. at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals:—Mrs. F. Montgomery, Miss Briscoe, Charles M. Kennedy, Miss Alice Hennessy, R. Kaye Parry, S. A. O. Flaherty, Miss Beryl Hallett, Miss Marjorie Ison, T. Fogarty, W. Butler Finnan, Capt. G. Wynne Rushton, Rev. R. B. Taylor, Miss L. Attwooll, Miss L. Baham, M. T. Marks.

Departures:—Miss A. Carroll, Miss Stella Smith, J. Lundon, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Ward, Mrs. Lewen Weldon, George Munro, Mrs. G. Munro, Major Sir Christopher Nixon, Colonel James St. G. Armstrong, Hugh O'Neill-Geoghegan, J. T. H. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Potterton, Miss E. Treacy, P. A. James, W. E. Ager Andrews.

Gift Exhibition and Toy Land Bazaar at McBirney's open to-day until 6 o'clock.

Warm Underclothing—We are agents for the famous makes, "Jaeger," "Chilprufe," and "Pesco" Underclothing at keenest prices.—Robert and Co., Ltd., Grafton street.

Special three weeks' Sale of Winter Boots and Shoes, held up by port trouble. Great Bargains to effect speedy clearance.—Doyle and Son, Ltd., 38 Mary street, Dublin.

Gibson and Co., Ladies' Tailors, Specialists in designing and cutting. All models made on the premises. Inspection invited.—141 Lr. Baggot st.

Choice Collection of Yuletide Gifts now on view.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

Mourning Orders executed on the shortest notice. 'Phone 4905.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

ST. VICTOR'S CHURCH.

MEMORIAL WINDOW UNVEILED.

A memorial window, presented by her friends in memory of Miss Matthews, who was for twenty-eight years assistant teacher in St. Catherine's Girls' Day School, and Sunday School, was dedicated and unveiled by the Rev. F. W. Greer, M.A., Rector of St. George's Parish, at the Evening Service in St. Victor's Church, Dublin, yesterday.

The memorial window, which is a beautiful work, was designed and made in Miss Purser's Stained Glass and Mosaic Works, 24 Upper Pembroke street, Dublin. The artist, Mr. M. Healy, designed the window to correspond with the memorial window opposite—also his work—in the south wall of the nave. The figures in the design are those of St. Catherine and a child, whom she is teaching, and traditional scenes from her career are used for the decorative panels round the central figure.

The Rev. F. W. Greer, in the course of an address after the unveiling and dedication, referred to the part that Miss Matthews had taken, both in St. Catherine's and St. Victor's Churches, schools, and choirs, and said that in her life she had carried out the traditions of both. A cheerful disposition and helpfulness were her characteristics.

There is a great lack of leaders in industry to-day.—Sir Arthur Duckham.

THE STAR AND THE STABLE.

(BY C. C. W. D.)

The story of the Wise Men has, of course, its critical difficulties, but for those who have more regard for the spiritual message than for the means by which it is conveyed it is a very simple and beautiful story. The ingredients are not many. Leaving out of account the wicked king, who does not concern us at the moment, they consist of a few Persian priest-philosophers, a star, a stable and an Infant. This is not, perhaps, the material out of which you or I might choose to weave a story; but, then, this story is a Divine one. It is not one of the oldest stories in the world, but it is certainly one of the best known. We have been acquainted with it from childhood. The Church brings it before us every Christmas season in lesson and carol and hymn. We love to hear it; we consider it a fitting prelude to the great drama that is to follow; it reminds us of those care-free days when the things of the world had not yet begun to take their toll of thought and time and anxiety. Yet that is not enough; there must be more meaning in such a story as this.

These Magi were not only priests, but also the philosophers and men of science of their day. They were engaged in the quest of truth, and when the call came were found willing to make the adventure which was demanded of them without fear of the unknown road they were to travel. They journey forth with eyes fixed on the heavens. They follow the gleam whither it may lead, and it brings them to Him Who afterwards declared Himself to be the Truth. Philosophy and science kneel before the Christ—an acknowledgment that in Him is found the perfection of law and order and harmony—and offer their gifts to the incarnation of their ideal.

These men under the guidance of the star came—not to any great city-centre of culture, but to a little village, and in that village to a stable. It was a spot of the earth, earthy—hardly the place for philosophic musings or scientific speculation—whose walls had rung to coarse jest or brutal oath more often than to the feeble cry of a new-born Infant. One would like to know something of their feelings when the star "stood over where the young Child was." Did they contrast the squalid surroundings in which they found themselves with the frescoed halls of the great temples which they had left? Did the truth come to them for the first time that "the Most High" did not necessarily dwell "in temples made with hands"? Be that as it may, they surely learnt of the simplicity and nearness of the Godhead. In pursuit of their daily vocation they had felt the impulse to venture forth into the unknown; obedient they journey with their eyes fixed on the heavens, and find themselves—led back to earth. Heaven and earth are never far apart: earth is heaven when God is there.

God took the form of a little Child; and before the Child, mysterious, wonderful, the wisest of the world must bend. Is there any more beautiful symbol of love, of trust, of fearlessness, of simple innocence and purity? Such are things to which the noblest of men everywhere pay tribute. They are virtues not as well known as they should be, yet not altogether unknown, on earth. They are to be found and honoured if we would take the trouble to look for them and value them when found. But they must be sought by men with eyes fixed on the star. He only will find who looks with eyes of faith and hope.

These Magi were great men. They were men of hope: they were also men of faith and moral courage. They saw, they followed, and they were led through the long desert to the Satisfier of their hopes. It is always so with Christ's children in this world. They see what other men do not consider worth a look. There is a light for them which others do not perceive. There is a hand held out to them which others have not observed. There is a voice that others cannot hear and it bids them go forward.

Follow the gleam! Be sure that the ray will lead to no trackless void. As you look skyward, it will bring you back to earth, to the duties of earth, and asks you to find Heaven there. The star does not pass It still sends its message of hope and encouragement.

THE IRISH TIMES will NOT be issued on Christmas Day or St. Stephen's Day.

LORD CASTLEREAGH.

COMING OF AGE CELEBRATIONS.

The celebration of the coming of age of Viscount Castlereagh, son and heir of the Marquis of Londonderry, culminated on Saturday with a memorable gathering at Wynyard Park, Lord Londonderry's Durham seat, when Lord Castlereagh received a number of handsome presentations of silver plate and other gifts from the officials and miners of Lord Londonderry's collieries and other works.

The subscribers were met by Lord and Lady Londonderry and Lord Castlereagh.

Prominent among the presents were a massive silver salver, an illuminated address, and a gold cigarette case from the Seaham Harbour Urban District Council, a silver salver from the miners of Seaham Colliery, a silver bowl from the miners and officials of Dawdon Colliery, a silver bowl from the Londonderry office staff, and a silver bowl from the Seaham Colliery officials.

Afterwards the deputation, together with Lord Londonderry's house party and a number of prominent residents of the county, were entertained to luncheon in the Statuary Hall.

Lord Londonderry welcomed the guests, and the Bishop of Durham proposed the health of Lord Castlereagh.

Lord Castlereagh, in reply, said that he would do his best in life to carry on the traditions of his family, to follow the example of his grandfather, and to observe the maxims that his father had taught him.

GALLIC NUMBERS.

INTERESTING DISCOVERIES.

PARIS, Sunday.

The historian, M. Julian, has informed the Academie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres that the archæologist, Abbe Dottin, has discovered the Gallic names for the first ten numbers. The Gauls left no written language, and consequently the discovery, in an ancient Gallo-Roman pottery works to the south of the central plateau, of pieces of pottery, engraved with the Gallic names for the first ten numbers, is of particular interest. A few of these numbers have already been found on Gallic tombs.

A report was also read on the work being accomplished by M. Moutet, the Director of Excavations at Byblos. It has been established that a tomb of a Pharaoh of the 12th dynasty was opened, and that certain objects were removed about the middle of the last century. Scraps of an English newspaper, dated 1851, give some clue to the nationality of the excavator. M. Moutet hopes to be able to discover to what museums the missing objects were removed.—(Reuter.)

PRESENTATION TO THE DEAN OF OSSORY.

On Friday evening last a large gathering of the members of the congregation of Christ Church, Leeson Park, Dublin, presided over by the Archbishop of Dublin, met in the Litton Hall for the purpose of making presentations from the congregation to the Dean of Ossory and Mrs. Phair on their departure from the parish to Kilkenny. The Archbishop addressed the meeting and made the presentations, which consisted of a set of four silver candlesticks and cheque to the Dean, a tortoiseshell and silver dressing table set to Mrs. Phair, and also a handsome inlaid table, the work and gift of a member of the congregation, to the Dean. Mr. Wakely, on behalf of the congregation, expressed their deep regret at the departure of the Dean and Mrs. Phair and good wishes for them in their new sphere. The Dean, in reply, expressed his thanks not only for the gifts, but also for happiness of eleven years spent among them as rector of the parish.

We had better make up our minds at once that if we mean to defeat an antagonist strong in the air, we must concentrate our energies on fighting and destroying, or putting definitely out of action, that antagonist's air forces.—Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge.

The existence of three parties in the House offered the possible advantage that there would be no longer the abuse of an overwhelming majority.—Professor A. F. Pollard.

LONDON LETTER.

THE CONSERVATIVE LEADER.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
SUNDAY NIGHT.

The Prime Minister has gone to his country home for the Christmas holidays, and is not expected back in London for some days. When he does return it is expected that he will take steps to call a meeting of his supporters in order that stock may be taken of the political situation. When the meeting takes place the proceedings will be private, as there is so much to be said that cannot be said in public. Mr. Baldwin, it is expected, will offer to resign the leadership of the party if he has lost its confidence, but it is most unlikely that the offer will be accepted at the present juncture of affairs. The situation would change if the Government were defeated and had to go into Opposition, but even then it is probable that Mr. Baldwin would remain leader. He has done nothing to forfeit the confidence of the party personally, though he was ill-advised with regard to the general election.

Mr. Macdonald's Speech.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald made a rather strange speech at Elgin last night, when he informed a Labour gathering that he was not sure that the Labour Party was going to get fair play, since he had a suspicion that between January 5th and 8th there was going to be a serious attempt to "wangle" the Constitution, so that democracy might not have fair play. Presumably, by this statement the Labour leader shows doubt whether he will get the support of the Liberal Party to turn out the Government at the time he has fixed. This, however, would not be unconstitutional. The Liberal Party through its leaders only a few days ago declared its independence, and it is in no way pledged to support Mr. Ramsay Macdonald in the division lobbies. Mr. Macdonald, in fact, seems to despise its aid; for his remark that the Liberal Party was a corpse waiting for the coffin to be brought in and for the undertaker to screw it down can scarcely be called judicious. It will be quite easy for the Liberal corpse to remain quiescent, and let Mr. Macdonald, if he can, constitutionally defeat the Government.

Liberal Unity.

Mr. Asquith's brave words at the National Liberal Club on Tuesday last may have carried conviction to his listeners, but it scarcely seems that the Liberal headquarters is to be easily convinced. Strenuous work is going on in the headquarters of both sections of the party in order that everything may be ready for a further election, which they think inevitable. A strong committee of "Wee Frees" and another of National Liberals have been formed with the idea of working out most carefully a scheme of joint operations which, it is hoped, will prove effective when the moment comes. It is also hoped to secure an economy of men, work and capital. In these circles it is thought that another general election cannot be long delayed.

The Reparations Commission.

Warm approval is expressed in diplomatic circles at the appointments made here to the Reparations Commission, and since our Allies are appointing men of a similar standard there is some little ground for the optimism displayed. Italy has selected in Signor Pirelli and Signor Alberti two of its foremost bankers, while the third delegate, Professor Flora, is an international lawyer of very high reputation. The French Government is doing all that it can to forward the setting up of the Commission, and with this spirit permeating the preparations the Commission ought to be able to do some effective work.

Railway Trouble.

An awkward situation has arisen with regard to the railway wages award which has been accepted by the National Society of Railway Servants, but is to be put to the ballot by the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen. In view of the general approval accorded to the award, it is to be hoped that the emergency of a strike will be averted; for it is agreed that there are many substantial advantages in the new terms, which, though in the nature of a compromise, do not greatly affect the present scales.

Mr. Thomas's Views.

The fact that Mr. J. H. Thomas is opposed to a strike will have considerable weight with railway men generally; for he has the confidence of all except the few extremists. Mr. Thomas's union comprises nearly half a million workers, as against less than sixty thousand of the Associated Society. Should the latter union call for a strike; it could not be effective; for half the engineers and firemen belong to the union controlled by Mr. Thomas, so that a national stoppage is out of the question.

A Novel Idea.

During the past two or three years there has been a very great improvement in railway posters, and now the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company has taken a most important step, which should add to the charm of the picture galleries now to be seen at the great stations. Several members of the Royal Academy have been commissioned to design posters of beauty spots and of industries connected with the line. Mr. George Henry has painted a picture of Edinburgh, Sir David Murray Conway Castle, Sir Bertram MacKennal a plaque in low relief of an allegorical figure, while Sir William Orpen is depicting an express train, engine-driver and his fireman on one of the most modern locomotives of the company. Messrs. Frank Brangwyn, Arnesby Brown, G. Clausen, Charles Sims, Augustus John and Adrian Stokes are others who are already at work on designs. The originals of the posters will probably be exhibited in the spring.

Companies and the Vote.

The Corporation of the City of London wants Parliament to grant the municipal franchise in the City to accredited representatives of joint stock companies. It is quite time that this much-needed reform was taken in hand, since every day sees a growing tendency towards incorporation of private businesses. Consequently, the electorate grows smaller; for, once a firm is incorporated, it loses its vote, though it still has to pay all the rates demanded of it. In these days of progress it is anomalous that a firm employing hundreds of workpeople and paying thousands of pounds in rates can be without a vote for the authority which spends the money. Yet a small shopkeeper next door, with possibly no employés, enjoys a vote, and may even be a member of the authority.

Christmas Parcels.

A feature of the Christmas postal traffic has been the number of parcels to and from the overseas Dominions and foreign countries. All forms of transport have been requisitioned to convey the mails from the London termini to the General Post Office, and it has been no uncommon sight for a long line of horse-drawn vans to be lined up at Euston, each one bearing a printed slip with the words "Royal Mail" on the side. Week-end arrivals included no fewer than two thousand bags of parcels from Australia, China and India, which followed two batches from America, consisting of nine hundred and sixty and nine hundred bags respectively. The outgoing parcels traffic was unusually heavy, but all previous records have been eclipsed by the incoming consignments, which affect not only the Post Office, but the Customs officers.

I look upon immortality rather as a prize to be won than as a birthright.—Principal Jacks.

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BOMB ATTEMPT.
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HANOVER ESCAPED.
IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
HANOVER, Satu
A Christmas celebration was the ca
the lucky escape of Herr Gustav
Governor of Hanover, when a bomb w
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Herr Noske's study, and exploded at
seven o'clock in the evening, an hour
he was in the habit of occupying the
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TAXI-CAB MURDER.
A LONDON MAN REPRIEVE
George William Iggulden, sentenc
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Ethel Ireland, otherwise Ethel Howard
taxi-cab in Brompton road, London, has
reprieved, with a view to his remov
Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

MARIE ANTOINETTE'S RE
PARIS, Sun
Three pieces of furniture, which ha
longed to Marie Antoinette—a small
an armchair, and a screen—were put
sale by auction, as the result of the de
the Marquis de Casaux. They were b
in by a member of the family for 1
francs. The late Marquis had always de
he would not part with them for less t
million francs.—(Reuter.)

BIG AIRSHIP'S S.O.S.

ADRIFT AT SEA.

EX-ZEPPELIN BLOWN OUT OF COURSE.

SEAPLANE SEARCH.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Sunday.

Fears are entertained for the safety of the French airship, the Dixmude, an ex-Zeppelin, which left its base, near Toulon, on Tuesday last for a three-day reconnoitring trip over North Africa.

Storms and high winds, however, drove it out of its course and over the desert into South Tunisia.

The Dixmude was only carrying sufficient petrol for 72 hours, and no news had been received yesterday as to its fate.

This afternoon the Ministry of Marine here states that the wireless station of Casbah, Tunis, picked up a wireless appeal for help from the Dixmude at 11 o'clock last night, and news this afternoon shows that the giant airship has been sighted over the Gulf of Gabes, drifting with the wind out to sea, her engines out of order.

The military authorities have taken all measures necessary for salvage operations.

A fast cruiser and seaplanes have left Bizerta, and are scouring the gulf and endeavouring to get into wireless communication with the vessel.

Sunday Night.

The Ministry of Marine has issued the following *communiqué*:—

"According to the latest news the Dixmude is drifting helplessly in the Gulf of Gabes towards the east, and is calling for help by wireless. All available vessels in Algerian and Tunisian ports have been sent to search for the airship, and the Ministry of Marine states that the situation of the Dixmude must be considered as being very serious.

The correspondent of the *Petit Journal* at Toulon states that a number of torpedo-boat destroyers have left that port to assist in the search.

According to a wireless message intercepted this afternoon by the wireless station at Toulon, the torpedo boat's search has so far not been successful. In order to facilitate the search the Algerian and Tunisian littoral has been divided into sections, and in each a torpedo boat is patrolling.

The Dixmude has on board Captain-Commander Plessis and a crew of 50 men.

LANDING SPOT FOUND.

TUNIS, Sunday Night.

A telegram from Gabes announces that the military wireless station there was in communication with the Dixmude at 7.30 p.m., and indicated to her a place where she could land. The airship was then passing over Madenine, Tunis.—(Reuter.)

PREVIOUS FLIGHTS.

ONE OF 118 HOURS.

(FROM OUR AVIATION CORRESPONDENT.)

The Dixmude, formerly Zeppelin L 72, is a sister ship to the L 71, taken over by Great Britain. She is 743 feet in length, and has a capacity of 2,420,000 cubic feet, whilst her engines go a speed of about 75 miles per hour, their full range being about 6,000 miles.

Whilst the L 71 has been allowed to rot in disuse, partly dismantled at Pulham, the French air authorities have used their big ship on several great flights.

Recently the Dixmude flew without alighting for 118 hours, covering 4,500 miles, passing Paris, Nice, the Mediterranean, Tunis, Algeria, and the Balearic Islands, during the trip.

This is claimed as a world's record, though a war flight of a German Zeppelin from Algeria to Khartoum and back, when attempting to carry stores to East Africa, may have been an even greater performance.

The R 34 took 108 hours on her flight from Scotland across the Atlantic to New York.

THE MISSING MAJOR BAILEY.

SEARCH IN DERRY CITY.

Having received a report that Major Bailey, who is wanted for the murder of his wife at Hove, stayed in a Derry hotel, the city police showed much activity. Hotels were visited, trains were watched, and picture house audiences scrutinised. No trace of the missing officer was found.

It was stated that his brother formerly served with the Constabulary forces in Derry.

BOMB ATTEMPT.

HOW THE GOVERNOR OF HANOVER ESCAPED.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
HANOVER, Saturday.

A Christmas celebration was the cause of the lucky escape of Herr Gustav Noske, Governor of Hanover, when a bomb was exploded at his home here yesterday.

The bomb was placed at the entrance to Herr Noske's study, and exploded at about seven o'clock in the evening, an hour when he was in the habit of occupying the room. It so happened, however, that at that time yesterday he was attending a Christmas celebration given by the Hanover Green Police.

"Only the Christmas celebration saved me," Herr Noske told me one hour after the bombing. "I arrived home a few minutes after the explosion had taken place. Had I been in my study, according to my custom at this hour, I should have at least been seriously injured, if not killed."

The entire front of Governor Noske's house was blown away, but no one was injured. The police believe that the attempt was made by Communists, because of the strong stand Governor Noske, who formerly was Minister of War under the first German Republican Government, has always taken against them.

There were several Communist demonstrations held in Hanover the same afternoon. The meetings were quiet, and no interference was made by the police; but, following the bomb outrage later in the day, the police became convinced that the Communist leaders at these meetings were cognisant of the plot against the Governor. An extensive search for the guilty parties has been instituted.

TAXI-CAB MURDER.

A LONDON MAN REPRIEVED.

George William Iggulden, sentenced to death at the Old Bailey for the murder of Ethel Ireland, otherwise Ethel Howard, in a taxi-cab in Brompton road, London, has been reprieved, with a view to his removal to Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

MARIE ANTOINETTE'S RELICS.

PARIS, Sunday.

Three pieces of furniture, which had belonged to Marie Antoinette—a small couch, an armchair, and a screen—were put up to sale by auction, as the result of the death of the Marquis de Casaux. They were bought in by a member of the family for 158,000 francs. The late Marquis had always declared he would not part with them for less than a million francs.—(Reuter.)

GAS STRIKE IN DUBLIN?

PROPOSED CUT IN WORKERS' WAGES.

A reduction of 6s. a week in the wages of all sections of their working staffs, except boy helpers, is proposed by the Alliance and Dublin Gas Company, to take affect as from the first pay day of the new year.

The directors, however, have been notified by the Transport Union that the men have decided to cease work should the proposed reductions be put into operation.

To this communication, the Secretary of the company replied that it would be a matter for regret if the amicable relations which had existed between the employés, the union, and the company through a trying period should be now broken.

He states that the directors intend to put the cut into operation on the appointed day, and restates the points discussed, which are:—

"First—A wage reduction of 1s. per day, or per shift, is, in the opinion of the directors, overdue.

"Second—It is not proposed that this reduction should operate until the first pay-day of the new year.

"Third—It is not proposed that this reduction should operate in the case of boy helpers."

"It is not necessary for me to point out," he adds, "that equivalent reductions have been accepted, after prolonged and injurious strikes, by dockers and chemical workers in the city."

It is understood that a ballot of the men will be taken on the proposal.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES.

FROM MR. T. M. HEALY AND SIR JAMES CRAIG

The Governor-General of the Irish Free State in a Christmas message to the Liverpool *Daily Courier*, says:—"May the peace and good-will now established between our two nations endure for ever."

SIR JAMES CRAIG'S MESSAGE.

Sir James Craig, Bart., has issued the following Christmas message to the people of Ulster:—

I send with thankful heart a message to the people of Ulster to wish them joy and happiness throughout Christmas and the New Year.

Twelve months ago I expressed the hope that we had emerged from under the clouds and shadows, and could look forward with confidence to the year now closing.

Thanks to the sterling qualities and unflinching loyalty of the people that hope has been fully realised, and now as we reach another milestone we can look back on that period with deep thankfulness, and forward again to the future with every confidence, that the path of Ulster's progress and development will be even less uphill than heretofore.

The year that is waning has witnessed the triumph of law and order in our midst, the entry of his Grace the Governor and his gracious consort on their official duties; the passing of several important measures of reform through both Houses of our Legislature; the inauguration of great schemes of work for the unemployed; the beneficial association of our Ministry of Commerce with the Imperial Economic Conference in London; and exhaustive enquiries into the condition of agriculture and into the natural and industrial resources of the province.

We were gratified and encouraged by the visits of many distinguished statesmen, numbered amongst whom were the Prime Minister of New Zealand; our old leader and champion, Lord Carson of Duncairn; and Lord Derby, Secretary of State for War. Those visits have undoubtedly helped to bind still more closely the ties that unite us with Great Britain and the Empire.

This brief survey of some of the events of the past twelve months is evidence in itself of the fact that Ulster has settled down under her own Government to tackle her own problem in her own way, and is more significant of the changed conditions now existing that may at first sight be apparent. A grave responsibility will rest upon the shoulders of anyone, either inside Ulster or outside her borders, who seek to overthrow the conditions of settled government and law and order now happily prevailing.

Having looked backwards, let me say a word about the future. It may be that, like the past, it, too, will contain difficult problems and acute issues. Supported by that loyalty and patience which the people of Ulster have never withheld from their leaders, we shall together face them in whatever form they may arise, with resolution unshaken and principles unchanged, and with such courage as will show that so far as we are concerned, having reached this milestone which marks the progress of Ulster along the road of a splendid destiny, there must be no turning back.

God has been good. Concord and unity have triumphed. Let us be constant in both and pray earnestly for further grace and guidance.

MILLIONAIRE WINS.

GAIETY ACTRESS MUST NOT USE HIS NAME.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Sunday.

Mrs. Edith Kelly Gould cannot dance on the Paris stage again, or if she does she will have to pay 500 francs damages to her multi-millionaire husband, Frank J. Gould, for each times that she does it.

This was the ruling yesterday of the Tribunal of the Seine, which, however, has no objections to having the noted dancer appear as often as she likes as Edith Kelly, or under any name of her selecting but the name of Gould.

The Court, in issuing an injunction forbidding her to use the name of Gould, fixed the penalty of 500 francs for violation of the ruling, and 1,000 francs additional fine for any theatre which might advertise the dancer under the Gould name.

The verdict also granted Mr. Gould the right to have the advertising or posters containing his name destroyed.

The decision, however, placed no penalty upon Mrs. Kelly for the numerous times in the past that she has appeared on the Paris and the American stage as Mrs. Gould, the Court denying Mr. Gould's demand for a thousand francs damages for every theatrical poster and programme that has been circulated bearing his name.

One-fifth of the costs of the case were assigned to Mr. Gould, Mrs. Kelly being charged with the remainder.

The verdict of the French Court, it was stated, extends only to the dancer's activities in France. Neither principal in the case was present in court when the decision was rendered. Mrs. Gould is at the present time in London.

THE DEMORALISING DOLE.

DEMAND FOR ITS ABOLITION.

At a meeting of the Council of the Galway Chamber of Commerce, Professor Fraut, M.A., in the chair, upon the motion of Mr. S. P. Corbett, seconded by Mr. E. K. Jackson, Managing Director of Messrs. Moons, the following resolution was passed unanimously and ordered to be circulated amongst the Chambers of Commerce in Ireland and forwarded to President Cosgrave, the Minister of Finance, and the County Deputies:—

"That, in the opinion of the Council of the Galway Chamber of Commerce, unemployment insurance, with its demoralising dole system and its unproductive charge upon the commercial and trading community, as well as upon the workers, should be discontinued at the earliest opportunity, and that unemployment should be met by providing constructive work, such as a co-ordinated national system of roadmaking, drainage, and the reclamation of the waste lands of Ireland, and of flooded rivers and house construction in or near towns. That the system of subsidising idleness should be altogether discontinued, and that such unemployment fund as is found necessary to provide work should be expended in such a manner as will not merely alleviate genuine distress, but will produce some material gain."

ARMED ROBBERS

ACTIVE IN DUBLIN AND PROVINCES.

SEVERAL SHOPS RAIDED

Another series of robberies by armed men took place during the week-end in Dublin.

Two young men entered the public-house of Mr. M. J. O'Hara, Chancery street, at closing time on Saturday night. They threatened the staff with revolvers, and got away with £8 10s. in cash.

Earlier in the evening three young men with revolvers "held up" the assistants and customers in Messrs. Winstanley's boot shop, Capel street, and took £32 from the cash desk.

At 2.30 on Saturday morning Patrick Malone, while driving a newspaper van, was stopped in Shaw street by two armed men, who robbed him of 11s. 7d.—all the money in his possession.

Shortly after midnight on Saturday, Police Sergeant O'Neill arrested a young man, who will be brought before the Police Court this morning charged with robbing by force of arms 30s. and £2 from the persons of brothers named O'Reilly, residing in Desmond street. The robberies took place in McMahon street.

At 8.30 on Saturday evening two men entered a dairy shop in Fitzgibbon street, and demanded all the money in the cash register. The woman in charge refused, and one of the men produced a revolver, saying, "We did not come out of jail to starve." The assistant screamed, and the men made off without securing anything.

On Friday night, says our Limerick Correspondent, four armed and masked men entered the office of Messrs. Morgan, McMahon, and Company, timber merchants, Ellen street, Limerick, "held up" the secretary and typist, rifled a desk, and decamped with £16 in cash, and cheques amounting to a couple of hundred pounds. When the alarm was raised the raiders fired shots through the office window. No one was injured.

Raiders seized a motor car in Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, on Thursday night, and going to Ballyforan, forced an entrance into Mr. D. E. Williams's premises. They were met by the manager, who resisted them. One of the raiders fired on him with a revolver, and he replied, severely wounding a man called Hartigan, whom he took prisoner. Hartigan is now a patient in Roscommon Infirmary. It is stated that he was accompanied by a man who has already made several escapes from prison.

Three armed "holds-up" by masked men, in Limerick on Saturday, resulted in a haul for the robbers of over £120. The Metal Steam and Shannon Laundries and Kerr's Flour Mills were entered simultaneously by small gangs of armed men, who made the staffs stand with hands up while the safes were being rifled. The Civic Guard are stated to have made some arrests in connection with the robberies, which are said to be the work of the one body of thieves.

SHOPKEEPER'S PLUCKY FIGHT.

Between 9 and 10 p.m. on Saturday, Mr. Quigley's shoemaker's shop, Gerald Griffin street, Cork, was entered by two men, who presented revolvers at the owner and demanded money. A confederate remained outside the door. Mr. Quigley attacked the robbers, and, taking the revolver from one of them, after a brief struggle, he struck the other on the head with the butt of it, stunning him for the moment.

In the meantime, the noise of the scuffle had been heard. A crowd began to gather, and somebody sent for the Civic Guards.

The third man, who had remained outside the door, then rushed to assist his companions, over whom Mr. Quigley, with the revolver, had mounted guard.

Aided by the third man, the raiders overpowered Mr. Quigley, and deprived him of the weapon. One of the men threatened the crowd with the revolver, and all three got away with some money from the shop.

The Civic Guards pursued the fleeing robbers, and are said to have captured two of them.

No arms were found on the captured men, but a sum of £6 was found in their possession.

DWELLINGHOUSE BURNED.

A party of masked men visited the dwellinghouse of John Murphy, a small farmer, who resides at Viewmount, Bagenalstown, and having sprinkled the furniture with petrol, set the place on fire. Mrs. Murphy and her four young children, who were in a pitiable condition, took refuge in a neighbour's house.

INDIAN FRONTIER.

IMPORTANT MILITARY PREPARATIONS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BOMBAY, Sunday.

Important military preparations are being made on the North-West frontier. The Government of India has decided that temporary companies shall be formed of British and Indian troops.

Their duties will be controlling traffic, safeguarding the water supply, and police work on the lines of communication in case of a general mobilisation ordered for operations on or beyond the North-West frontier.

TWO NEW CARDINALS.

THE PUBLIC CONSISTORY.

ROME, Sunday.

The public Consistory for the creation of Cardinals Evaristo Lucidi and Aurelio Galli took place this morning in the Hall of Benediction in the Vatican. The usual excitement existed in Vatican circles in connection with this important ceremony. A faint sound of cheering, accompanied by that of singing, announced that the Pontifical procession was drawing near. The procession eventually appeared in the Hall of Benediction, greeted by low and prolonged cheers, which drowned the voices of the Sistine Choir, which was at its head. Immediately following the choir were the Swiss Guards, who preceded the *Sedia Gestatoria*, upon which the Pope, in full Pontifical robes, was carried by twelve sturdy carriers.

Following the Pope was the Sacred College, on foot, the Cardinals having joined the Pontiff upon their exit from the Sistine Chapel, where the new Cardinals had sworn the solemn oath of office.

The Pope delivered an allocution, welcoming the new members to the Sacred College, and invoked Heaven's blessing on all.

Cardinal Evaristo Lucidi answered, thanking the Pope, both in his name and in that of Cardinal Aurelio Galli, for the great honour which had been conferred on them. As an act of homage the new Cardinals kissed both the ring and the toe of the Pontiff, and were embraced by him. Then, turning towards the Sacred College, which was lined up by the Pope's side, they exchanged embraces with each Cardinal. The new Cardinals now being initiated, the procession was formed again, and after one last Pontifical benediction the Pontiff retired to his room, where he received the new Cardinals in private audience.—(Reuter.)

TRUCE IN CHURCH WAR.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, Sunday.

A Christmas truce has been declared between the Modernists and the Fundamentalists, who have been waging bitter warfare over the interpretation of Christian doctrines, and have been threatening the solidarity of the American Episcopal Church.

But this truce is only temporary, and there is every prospect that the battle will be rejoined in the new year, since neither side is content with the present situation.

BULGARIAN MINE EXPLOSION.

SOFIA, Sunday.

An explosion occurred to-day in a mine gallery at Pernik, caused by firedamp. Fifteen miners were trapped, but search parties eventually succeeded in reaching them. Four were dead and five are in a critical condition.—(Reuter.)

POLICE RAID IN DERRY.

SEQUEL TO CAPTURE OF DOCUMENTS.

EX-INTERNEES IN FREE STATE ARRESTED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDONDERRY, Sunday.

This afternoon a raid was carried out by the Royal Ulster Constabulary and Specials in a hall at the foot of Bishop street, in the city. The following were arrested:—

Tom O'Hara, of Bishop street.
W. Cullen, of Lecky road.
J. Adams, of Francis street.
James Gallagher, Nationalist Registration Agent, of Deanery place.
James Maguire, of Eden place.
William Harley, of Caroline place.
William Brady, of Waterloo street.
Michael Shields, of Nailor's row.

Four of the men were recently interned in the Free State, and only returned to Northern Ireland a short time ago.

The meeting, it is alleged, was in connection with the Thomas Ashe Sinn Fein Club. A number of women were present, besides other men. The houses of all those found in the hall were subsequently searched.

The raid, it is stated, was a sequel to the recent arrest and capture of documents in the city, and developments are expected.

It is learned that those at the meeting declared that it is for the raising of funds for the defence of two Derry men charged with the murder of Howard McKay.

CURRAGH SHOOTING

ACCUSED CHARGED WITH MURDER.

"That Corporal William Johnson died from shock and hemorrhage, the result of a bullet wound fired by Private James Killoran," was the verdict of a jury which sat with Dr. Jeremiah O'Neill, Deputy Coroner for South Kildare, at the Military Hospital, the Curragh, on Saturday morning to inquire into the death of Corporal Johnson at Ponsonby Barracks, Curragh, on Thursday night.

Commandant Peter F. Lawler, Ponsonby Barracks, gave evidence of identification.

Private John Graham told how the shooting took place, and of the incidents which led up to it. He stated that on Thursday night, having returned from the pictures with Corporal Johnson and Private Power, they were sitting at the fire in their sleeping quarters, when the corporal, pulling out his watch, asked witness if he was going to bed, as it was twenty minutes past ten o'clock. Witness said he would be going presently, and Corporal Johnson undressed, and got into his own bed.

Witness continued to sit at the fire and fell asleep. He was awakened by a blow on the head, but did not know who hit him. He fell to the floor as the result of the blow, and was picking himself up when Private James Killoran, who was standing over him, kicked him in the ribs and sent him to the floor again. When he was attempting to rise again Killoran kicked him a second time. "The next I remembered," said Graham, "was that I was standing on the floor, and I heard Corporal Johnson squealing. I looked in his direction and saw him in a crouching position, holding his abdomen with his hands. Killoran was standing in front of him. The battalion police came on the scene to wind up the row, and took Killoran to his own quarters.

"Afterwards Private Cleary, Killoran's companion, came into the room, called me a 'Scotch b——,' and made a rush to assault me. We exchanged blows, and were separated.

A RIFLE.

"After that row I was sitting on the bed, preparing to get between the blankets, when Killoran came in with a rifle in his hands. He pointed the rifle at me, and told me to get on my knees, that I had only a minute to live. He withdrew the rifle from my direction, and pointed it at Corporal Johnson. He muttered some words which I did not catch. He took aim with the rifle at Corporal Johnson, who was sleeping in bed. He withdrew it again, as something seemed to have gone wrong with the safety catch. He kept his eyes on Johnson all the time, did something with his hand; took aim again at Corporal Johnson, and pulled the trigger. Corporal Johnson did not make a move when the shot was fired.

"After he fired the shot Killoran turned to the door to go out, and I made a rush out of the bed at him. He turned round and pointed the rifle at me. I shut the door on the rifle, with the muzzle in the room and the other end outside. The muzzle was pointing towards another bed, and I caught it with my hand and turned it upwards in case he should pull the trigger again. I tried to pull the rifle from Killoran, but he had a better grip of it than I."

Private Edward McCarthy deposed that he went to bed at about 8.15 o'clock on the night of the 20th December, and was awakened by the camp police, who were going out, and switched the lights off some time after ten o'clock. Private Killoran came into the room about five minutes later. He had a rifle in his hand. He went up to Private Graham's bed and called him a "Scotch b——," and said that he would give him five minutes to live, pointing the rifle at him. Killoran then turned away from Graham, and went up to Corporal Johnson's bed. Witness did not hear him say anything, but he pointed the rifle at him, pulled the trigger, and fired a shot. He went out of the room then, and Private Graham and witness rushed to the door to close it.

Inspector Kelly said that he had five other witnesses to corroborate the evidence of the two just named; but the foreman of the jury said that they had heard sufficient evidence to arrive at their verdict.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Lieutenant Vincent F. Walsh, A.M.C., deposed to examining the body of the dead corporal and finding a small wound an inch to the left of the middle line of the neck and two inches below the Adam's apple. This was the entrance wound, and behind, in line with the ear, on the right side, there was a large exit wound. The spinal column was fractured. Death must have been instantaneous.

The Coroner said that he did not see from the evidence that they could bring in any other verdict than that Corporal Johnson died from shock and hemorrhage, the result of a bullet found inflicted by Private James Killoran, and that amounted to a verdict of murder against Killoran.

The jury found as stated, and expressed sympathy with the relatives of Corporal Johnson.

Johnson was a married man, a native of Govan, Glasgow.

Killoran is 25 years of age and unmarried.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

On Saturday evening James Killoran was charged by Inspector Kelly, Civic Guard, before Mr. S. Garry, at a special court at Naas, with the murder of Corporal Johnson.

The Inspector stated that he took the prisoner over from the military at the Curragh, and cautioned and charged him. The prisoner made no statement.

Accused, when asked by Mr. Garry whether he wished to make a statement, shook his head and said: "My name is O'Brien, of Wexford. I have nothing to say." He appeared to be in a highly nervous condition. He was remanded to Newbridge District Sessions.

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER DEAL.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
NEW YORK, December 23.

Mr. Cyrus H. K. Curtis, publisher of the *Saturday Evening Post* and the *Philadelphia Public Ledger*, is reported to have paid a million dollars in cash, and assumed obligations amounting to another half-million dollars, for the control of the *New York Evening Post*.

It was first rumoured that Mr. Curtis would take over only the stock owned by Mr. Thomas Lamont, of J. P. Morgan and Co., in the Gay Publishing Co., but it has been established that he also purchased the interests of Mr. Edwin F. Gay, thereby assuming complete ownership.

NO CONCESSIONS TO GERMANY.

M. POINCARE'S SPEECH.

"STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY."

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Sunday.

Speaking at La Courneuvre, M. Poincaré said that France insisted on strict adherence to the Treaty, and would not agree to any further concessions, either as regards reparations or her security.

PARIS, Sunday.

Speaking at La Courneuvre to-day, M. Poincaré delivered an apologia for the occupation of the Ruhr on the lines of his speech in the Chamber on Friday.

He said that they had not yet reached the end of the road, but were approaching it every day. France would not abandon the cardinal principles of her policy. She insisted on strict adherence to the Treaty, and would not agree to any further concessions, either as regards reparations or her security.

This policy befitted not only the interests of France, but the interests of justice and peace. France abhorred the idea of another war, and her only ambition was the consolidation of peace.—(Reuter.)

GERMAN PROPOSALS.

TO-DAY'S AUDIENCE WITH M. POINCARE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Sunday.

Following upon conversations yesterday between Herr Stresemann and the German President, Herr Ebert, it is announced to-night that Herr von Hoesch, the German *Chargé d'Affaires* here, requested an audience with M. Poincaré, and will be received by the French Premier to-morrow at midday.

It will be recalled that on December 14 last, when von Hoesch handed to the French Premier a memo. dealing with the resumption of work in the Ruhr and the Rhineland, M. Poincaré asked that the German Government's observations should be presented in writing and in detail.

It is stated to-night that the German *Chargé d'Affaires* will, at to-morrow's interview, hand M. Poincaré the document asked for, and that it will turn exclusively upon the question of the Rhineland and the organisation of the railways in that region.

It is believed that the German Givernment's proposals are limited in their scope.

M. POINCARE WINS.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE PASSED BY BIG MAJORITY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Sunday.

Before separating for the Christmas holidays the Chamber has disposed of the burning question of the civil servants' bonus to meet the increased cost of living.

M. Poincaré, in face of a Socialistic amendment, raised the question of confidence, which was voted by 302 to 169.

The Chamber decided to grant bonuses for children and rent, which are estimated by the Government to cost 290,000,000 francs.

R.A.'S. TO PAINT RAILWAY POSTERS.

SIR WILLIAM ORPEN AND 16 OTHERS.

An important step forward in industrial art has been taken by the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company, who have commissioned members of the Royal Academy to design the posters of places and industries on their line.

Many of these posters are nearing completion. Mr. George Henry, R.A., has done Edinburgh; Sir David Murray, R.A., Conway Castle; and Sir Bertram Mackennal, R.A., a most interesting plaque in low relief of an allegorical figure. Mr. D. Y. Cameron, R.A., is doing a Highlands poster, and Mr. George Clausen, R.A., will do the coal industry. An express engine driver and his mate on one of the most modern of the company's locomotives are being depicted by Sir William Orpen, R.A.

These are but a few examples of the work already in hand, for as many as seventeen members of the Royal Academy are engaged on the work, the full list being:—

Mr. Frank Brangwyn, R.A.
Mr. J. A. Arnesby Brown, R.A.
Mr. D. Y. Cameron, R.A.
Mr. G. Clausen, R.A.
Mr. M. Greiffenhagen, R.A.
Mr. George Henry, R.A.
Mr. Richard Jack, R.A.
Sir David Murray, R.A.
Mr. Julius Olsson, R.A.
Mr. Charles Sims, R.A.
Mr. Adrian Stokes, R.A.
Sir Bertram Mackennal, R.A.
Sir William Orpen, R.A.
Mr. Campbell Taylor, A.R.A.
Mr. F. Caley Robinson, A.R.A.
Mr. Augustus John, A.R.A.
Mr. A. Talmage, A.R.A.

The movement dates from a day in the autumn of this year, when the railway company asked Mr. Norman Wilkinson, the marine painter and the originator of naval camouflage during the war, to do three posters for them.

Some years ago Mr. Wilkinson designed one of the Irish Sea service for the London and North-Western line, which achieved a good deal of success, and he has always taken a great interest in the improvement of posters. Here, then, was his opportunity. When he talked the matter over with the railway authorities he pointed out that in his opinion the time had come for a definite poster policy to be adopted.

The company at once realised what an excellent idea it was, and with great broad-mindedness practically decided then and there to adopt the scheme, and Mr. Wilkinson was asked to undertake the work of organisation and to invite artists to co-operate.

He approached forthwith some seventeen members of the Academy, to whom he pointed out that the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway, being anxious to advertise their system with a series of pictorial posters, and at the same time to break fresh ground in an attempt to do something really artistic and worthy of so great a company, had invited him to confer with them.

The L.M.S. lines, Mr. Wilkinson pointed out to an interviewer from the *Observer*, run through the loveliest scenery in the Kingdom—the mountains of Wales, the Medieval Border, the wildly beautiful Highland glens and forests, the Glens of Antrim, and the great loughs of Ireland. "Beauty of another kind," added Mr. Wilkinson, "is to be seen in the great industries of the North. As the dusk approaches their myriad fires are reflected in the sky, and the traveller sees before him a succession of pictures which cannot fail to improve even the most indifferent."

GIRL'S REMARKABLE SWIM.

A young Argentine girl named Harrison has swum across Rio de la Plata in twenty-four hours, says a Reuter's telegram.

The Times Correspondent adds that Miss Lilian Harrison is 19 years of age, and was born in the Argentine of British parents. She swum across the Rio De La Plata from Colonia, in Uruguay, to Punta Lara, in Argentina. She reached Punta Lara on Saturday at 9.47 a.m., after 24 hours 19¼ minutes in the water. The distance covered was 25½ miles. Tirabocchi, who swam across the English Channel last August, accompanied her for part of the way.

THE AFGHAN MURDER GANG.

PESHAWAR, Sunday.

A mobile column of Afghan troops is proceeding from Jalalabad in the direction of Mandatai, where the Afghan Governor is conferring with the tribal heads as to the best way of dealing with the murder gang hiding in the neighbourhood.—(Reuter.)

100 LIQUOR SHIPS

PREPARING TO RUN THE U.S. BLOCKADE.

A WASHINGTON SCANDAL.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, Saturday.

Half a dozen more ships were added to the rum fleet of the Jersey coast to-day, running the Christmas liquor Armada well over the hundred mark.

The vessels are strung out two hundred miles and more, from Montauk Point, Long Island, to New Jersey.

The price at the coast is running £8 to £10 a case for stuff from Scotland, direct, or via the Bahamas. It represents a price of £15 to £16 in New York.

WASHINGTON, Sunday.

According to the statements of prohibition officials, more than 2,500 Washington residents many of them prominent in the social and official life of the city, have been found listed as "regular customers" in the books of raided bootlegging shops.

Prosecution is definitely threatened by the Prohibition Bureau, and the list, as compiled, will be laid before a grand jury.

The spokesman for the "drys" to-day said that all the names on the list, regardless of their prominence, must go before a jury impartially.

CATTLE DISEASE STILL SERIOUS.

MANY FRESH OUTBREAKS.

A further outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease occurred in Leicestershire on Saturday.

One hundred and sixteen head of cattle were slaughtered on a farm at Thurcaston, near Leicester.

In Kent, the Earl of Guilford's herd has become affected.

The total number of confirmed cases reported on Saturday was 52, of which 37 were in Cheshire, one each in Gloucester, Kent, Leicester and Northumberland, three in Lancashire, four in Salop, and two each in Staffordshire and Flint.

RUTHLESS SLAUGHTER.

The number of animals slaughtered to date are as follows:—Cattle, 49,238; sheep, 21,355; pigs, 25,824; goats, 38.

The sum of £1,464,000 has been expended in compensation, and £248,500 has been realised by salvage.

As the result of the recent conference of Cheshire farmers held at Crewe, officials of the Ministry of Agriculture have undertaken a tour of the county, and are everywhere greatly expediting the destruction of cattle. Although a great many farmers are against slaughter, they realise that the Ministry will ruthlessly pursue its policy in the interests of the entire country, whatever Cheshire may suffer.

Cumberland and Westmorland, the original home of British Shorthorn cattle, are disease free themselves. The farmers are looking on at the arbitrary destruction of flocks and herds everywhere, without an effort to save them by remedial treatment, with mixed feelings of indignation and resignation. A Westmorland farmer, who dealt with foot-and-mouth disease sixty years ago, says that all the cattle then recovered by simple remedial treatment.

The High Commissioner for Australia has been asked by the Commonwealth Government to warn shippers that it is proposed to issue as early as practicable a proclamation under the Quarantine Act prohibiting the importation into Australia of cattle, sheep, swine, and goats from Great Britain and Ireland.

PRECAUTIONS IN THE FREE STATE.

BAN ON ANIMALS AND FOWL FROM INFECTED AREAS.

With a view to further safeguards against the spread of foot-and-mouth disease from Great Britain, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in Ireland have issued an Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, prohibiting the importation into Saorstat Eireann of all animals and poultry coming from an infected locality.

At present the importation of ruminants and swine is entirely suspended, and the importation of horses, asses and mules subject to special permit. The new Order does not alter the situation with regard to these classes of animals; but from the 1st January, 1924, on which date the Order comes into operation, the importation of dogs, foxes, hares, rabbits and poultry will also be controlled to the extent that no such importations will be allowable unless the animals or the poultry concerned are accompanied to the port of landing by a certificate of the clerk of the local authority to the effect that foot-and-mouth disease does not exist, and has not during the previous two months existed, within five miles of the premises whence the consignment has come.

Any contravention of the Order is an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, and animals or poultry unlawfully landed are liable to forfeiture under the Customs Acts. "Poultry" is defined in the Order as meaning live domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea fowls and pigeons.

Copies of the Order and forms for the purpose of the requisite certificate may be obtained on application to the Veterinary Branch of the Department, Government Buildings, Dublin. Supplies of the certificate form are being distributed to the various local authorities in Great Britain.

SCOTCHWOMAN'S CURE.

AN OFFER TO THE GOVERNMENT.

Mrs. Thomson, of Annan, who claims to have an infallible cure for foot-and-mouth disease, was much surprised to learn on Saturday that her offer to demonstrate with it had not yet been accepted. Steps are to be taken to bring her cure to the notice of Government officials.

Mrs. Thomson, who is over seventy years of age, maintains an unshakeable belief in her ability to cure the disease, and points to her experience when a young woman at Midlocharwoods, where a herd of 56 cattle were cured.

The cure is applied to the mouth and feet of the affected animal, and immediately it is claimed that an improvement is noticed. Mrs. Thomson adds that after the animals are cured they thrive "like brackens," to quote her own words. Animals, however, do well generally after getting over the trouble.

SOTH AMERICAN VISIT.

SIR H. PLUNKETT LEAVES LIVERPOOL.

Sir Horace Plunkett, K.C., V.O., left Liverpool for New York on the White Star liner Adriatic on Saturday afternoon. Sir Horace said: "I am going to the United States again for health and rest, and to keep fresh those unofficial contracts between Ireland and America which it has been my privilege to foster.

"I think this is my eightieth voyage on a White Star liner.

"Since my last visit to America, and as a consequence of the generous assistance then afforded me, *The Irish Statesman* has resumed publication in Dublin, and Mr. Walter, the London representative of the journal, accompanies me during my visit to the States."

He concluded: "I will visit several of the principal cities to inquire into certain agricultural matters. I will also interest myself in agricultural libraries attached to the State capitals, especially the Legislative Reference Library."

PRISONERS RELEASED.

About 700 prisoners were released from internment camps in the Free State during the week-end. Of these 420 were from Newbridge. At the beginning of last week there were over 1,000 prisoners in the Newbridge Camp, but of that number only about 500 remain now, and it is believed that the camp will be entirely cleared by to-morrow.

TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

GOOD CHEER.

THE WAY TO PEACE.

The Times, in a leading article on good cheer, says:—For nearly ten years we have lived in a depressed and distracted world, and it is natural enough and right enough that we should fall gladly to thoughts of good cheer, even in the primary and primitive sense of those words, with the coming of the great winter festival, whose connection with feasting and jollity and joy is older than the religion from which it takes its now ancient name. But true good cheer is a thing of more than the body, and a Christmas of feasting is a mockery and a shame unless it be also a Christmas of peace and good-will. The message of the angels is still very far from its fulfilment, after so many centuries. Indeed, it has seldom been more needed than to-day. The wounds of the world war are still, many of them, unhealed, and can only be healed by the spirit of peace and good-will which sounds every year from all the churches of Christendom as they keep the festival of the birth of Christ.

The very crimes and miseries of the last ten years have given that spirit an opportunity such as, perhaps, it never had before. And no one can deny that in the last half of those eight years it has made its voice heard and forced the nations to listen as never yet in the history of the world. The listening has been very broken and very partial, and the response very different from what sanguine people hoped. But the spirit has not been silenced; it still speaks through many voices, some of them very powerful voices, in many, or most, of the great countries, and perhaps still more of the small countries of the world. No one can tell what the ultimate result will be. The seed is sown, that we know. It is hidden away, as seeds must be, in the dark places where we cannot follow it. Whether it will wither and die, or whether it will mature and come to perfection we cannot yet say—shall not be able, perhaps, for a long time to say for certain. But Christmas, which is the festival of birth, bids us always to be of good cheer.

It is our part to rejoice in its message, and to believe in the new birth which will be the fulfilment of its hope. For in all these high things faith is the condition and almost the promise of fulfilment. But faith without works is scarcely faith at all. We cannot help the world to peace if we are not at peace among ourselves. And the way to peace is still the old way, the Christmas way, of good cheer and good-will. The quarrelsome are generally people who can neither enjoy nor hope. The hopeful are the helpful. They are always lending a hand because they expect a result. They can work with others because they see a goal towards which all may move. The goal on which we need to fix our eyes is peace at home as well as abroad, and the way to it at home as well as abroad is the good-will which seeks a wider good than its own, tries to understand the point of view of other people, and to work with institutions which are not of its own making, and with men who are not after its own heart.

If we can but win that Christmas temper of sweet reasonableness which turns to love in the working, we shall overcome all our differences and difficulties at home, and be able as one people to play our part in bringing peace to the world.

STOCK FARMERS' STOICISM.

THE SLAUGHTER OF THE HERDS.

The Times in a leading article says:—The cattle breeders and cattle feeders of Great Britain will long have cause to remember the closing months of this year. Till the present widespread epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease fell upon them it could be said that in comparison with arable farming, the livestock branch of the industry had enjoyed a fair measure of prosperity. In view of the heavy drain upon their resources it is not surprising that some of them have been moved to question the economic soundness of the slaughter policy, and to criticise what has been called the "fireside dictatorship" of the Ministry of Agriculture in the shape of apparent discrimination between pedigree herds and others of smaller commercial value. But, on the whole, throughout the outbreak they have shown as a body an extraordinary amount of patience, restraint, and commonsense.

Nothing could be more praiseworthy, considering the severity of the trial to which they have been subjected, than the loyal spirit in which they have accepted and supported the control measures imposed upon them. The ways in which the disease originates and is carried are still obscure. The one thing certain is that the uncanny rapidity with which the infection spreads can only be checked by heroic measures. Bad as the present outbreak is, the head of cattle destroyed represents so far little more than half of 1 *per cent.* of the country's total supply. The disease can, of course, be cured. It can also be prevented from spreading by isolation, and, in the rare cases where facilities for complete isolation exist, may, on economical grounds, be legitimately so dealt with. But the difficulties of effective isolation are ordinarily so great that in the vast majority of cases slaughter has proved the only possible preventive.

A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

The *Daily News* says:—It is to be hoped that the Christmas of 1923 will mark the end of a period of black despair for masses of the British people. There is certainly just now a feeling in the air—it would be too much to call it a tangible belief—that our worst troubles are passing behind us, and that in the New Year lurks the promise of a revival as rich and as real as the spring.

CONVICT'S FIFTEEN MARRIAGE OFFERS.

The Vienna Correspondent of the *Daily Mail* telegraphs:—It is announced to-day that Milica Bukobrancovics, the 29-year-old woman, the last descendant of the Serbian Royal Family of the 15th century, who was recently sentenced to three and a half years' hard labour, for mixing white lead with food eaten by her employer's family, received fifteen offers of marriage during the five days of her trial. All the suitors promise to marry her immediately she has served her sentence. but she declares that she intends to remain a spinster. She refuses to be sent to the only women's prison in Austria that is suitable for long sentences, on the ground that it is staffed by nuns and she is an Atheist.

TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

AN AGREEMENT WITH BIG SHIPPING LINES.

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Sunday.

The development of overseas trade with Russia is the object of an important agreement which has been concluded between the Soviet Government and British, Canadian and Dutch shipping companies. The news was officially confirmed by the Russian Trade delegation.

Although the agreement refers to the carriage of passengers, and not of goods, it is believed that fuller mercantile pacts with Russia will follow.

A company called the Russian-Canadian-American Agency is to be formed to carry out the terms of the agreement. Its headquarters will be in Moscow, and there will be three British and three Russian directors on the Board.

The Soviet Government will be represented in the company by the Russian volunteer fleet and the State mercantile fleet. The following companies represent the British, Canadian and Dutch interests:—Canadian-Pacific Railway, Canadian-Pacific Steamships, Ltd.; Cunard Line, Anchor Line, Anchor-Donaldson Line, Holland-America Line, Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and affiliated companies.

A sum, which is described as running into five figures, has been laid down to finance this new undertaking. Timber and flax agreements may be considered a possibility of the near future.

Mr. Robert Wood, aged 78, who has died at Barrow, was one of the most prominent men in the North of England in the Friendly Society movement.

Sir Sam Fay and Sir Vincent Raven, the well-known railway experts, have been appointed to inquire into the railway administration of New South Wales.—(Reuter.)

CITY OF DAVID.

THE RELICS OF MILLO.

PARTICULARS OF THE DISCOVERIES.

SCIENCE CONFIRMS THE WRITTEN WORD.

BY PROFESSOR R. A. S. MACALISTER, LITT.D., LL.D.
JERUSALEM, December 3.

Some three weeks have passed since I telegraphed the news of the discovery of Millo to the Palestine Exploration Fund, and a fortnight has elapsed since my preliminary report was sent to the *Daily Telegraph*. A close study of the remains, which has fully occupied the intervening time of Mr. Duncan and myself, has confirmed us in the belief that the relics of Millo have been found.

The following passages contain the whole of the documentary evidence available. Their bearing on the archæological evidence is discussed throughout the article, as occasion arises:—

1. "David (having taken the stronghold of Zion and occupied it), built round about from Millo and inward."—II. Sam., v. 9.

2. "This is the reason of the levy which King Solomon raised: for to build. . . Millo" (and other works).—I. Kings, ix. 15. "Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the City of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo."—Ibid., verse 24.

3. "Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breach of the City of David his father."—I. Kings, xi., 27.

4. "His servants arose and made a conspiracy and smote Joash at the house of Millo."—II. Kings, xii., 20.

5. Hezekiah, at the approach of Sennacherib, "took courage and built up all the wall that was broken down and . . . strengthened Millo in the City of David."—II. Chron. xxxii., 5.

The archæological evidence can be best considered in chronological order—that is to say, generally speaking in the reverse order to that in which it was uncovered. The foregoing scriptural passages offer a chronological framework to which the history of the structure must be adapted: (i.) The Jebusite period; (ii.) David; (iii.) Solomon; (iv.) Hezekiah.

THE JEBUSITES.

The first question that presents itself with regard to the fortification is, naturally, was there a Jebusite Millo? The passage from II. Samuel, quoted above, seems at first sight to suggest an answer in the affirmative. If David, immediately after capturing the Jebusite stronghold, built "from Millo inward," then Millo must have existed already, to serve as a point of departure for his work. But the statement, three times repeated in I. Kings, that Solomon built Millo is at variance with this conclusion. If we interpret the passage relating to David in the manner above set forth, we must understand the word "built" as meaning "re-edified" or "fortified"—a hardly justifiable straining of the sense. If we give the verses relating to Solomon their plain signification, then the inference must be drawn that Millo, as such, did not exist before Solomon's time.

When the author or compiler of the Books of Samuel wrote that David built "from Millo inward," he means no more than "from where Millo stands now, at the time when I am writing, inward." Thus the sentence quoted does not by any means imply that Millo existed in the time of David or his predecessors.

In accordance with this exegesis of the passage we find that, at the place under description, there is no special fortification, other than the city walls, that can be associated with the Jebusites. The excavation has uncovered stretches of two great walls, now ruined to their foundation. As we shall see presently, it is possible that there were gates hereabout, but the excavation has as yet disclosed no definite traces of them actually in position.

The date is given by the pottery found associated with the inner wall. In the accompanying *débris* south of it (inside the city) sherds of some of the oldest pottery found in Palestine came to light. Fragments of well-known types of early Canaanite ware were found, among them a jar handle, stamped, faintly, but recognisably, with the device of a twelfth Dynasty Egyptian scarab. Between the walls practically no ancient remains were found at all. There was no trace of Jebusite occupation, and there was a singular lack even of waste potsherds. The same fact was noticed at Gezer, where also there was an outer and an inner city wall. The space between them was almost wholly sterile of antiquities. These facts seem to point to the conclusion that when an ancient Palestinian city was protected by two walls, care was taken to prevent the accumulation of rubbish between them, in order to guard against the space being filled up and so made useless for defensive purposes.

The outer wall must have been a structure of enormous strength. This very strength of the wall has proved its utter destruction. So soon as such a fortification passed out of use, a rampart of the kind would be a valuable quarry. The total destruction of this wall and the quarrying of the rock underneath, which involved the breaking-in of the ancient cisterns, naturally made us think at first of the story in Josephus of Simon's destruction of the Akra. But after careful thought and consideration we came to the conclusion that, wherever the fortress described by Simon may have been, it could not possibly have been on the site which we have uncovered.

The inner wall is associated with, but not wholly conformed to, Rock scarp B. The eastern section at present exposed begins with an irregular heap of stones, which looks like the relics of a demolished corner tower, almost completely despoiled by later builders. From this tower the wall probably will be found to run southward. West of the tower there is visible a few feet run of four courses of very irregular masonry.

The wall is soon masked by the great later (Davidic) wall that runs over and in front of it, and without destroying the latter, which cannot be permitted, it would be impossible to follow it. North of this intrusive wall, where the Jebusite wall might be expected to emerge, no trace of it has been found; like its companion, it has fallen a victim to the operations of late builders. Proceeding westward, we came to a short, tower-like offset, running southward, projecting from the face of the intrusive later wall. This undoubtedly belongs to the Jebusite structure, but is of much better masonry. Five courses remain.

Passing over a part of the wall which it has proved so far impossible to expose, we come to another section at the west end, where there is a second set-off. The masonry here is identical in type with that just described. It consists of large stones, hammer-dressed, irregularly squared, with wide spaces between them. No mortar is used in any part of this wall. Along its whole length the northern face has been completely destroyed by subsequent quarrying, so that no evidence of the original width of the wall has come to light. There is also no direct evidence to show whether these two walls are contemporary. But, in view of the comparative rudeness of the masonry, I am inclined to regard the inner wall as older,

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and the outer wall as an additional protection, added while the inner wall was still in use.

DAVID.

David according to the passage quoted above, built "from Millo inward." In this sentence the word "inward" must mean "toward the interior of the City of David." That is to say, if Solomon's Millo be north of the City of David, David's wall must be south of Millo. When, in the place indicated, we find a large and conspicuous rampart, other indications agreeing, it is reasonable to identify this with the fortification of David. And the purpose of the rampart is obvious when we examine the site. It is a blockade, rather rapidly erected, in order to stop a great breach in the outer wall.

The wall which we call David's begins at the west end in a square tower, of which, as yet, but little can be said. It is at the extreme limit of the excavation, so far as it has at present advanced, and it still awaits complete examination. It contains a chamber the floor of which is paved with flat broad stone slabs, at a level of about 4ft. above the rock surface. In the part of this floor which the excavation has revealed a pillar was found standing; what this may portend has still to be seen. I strongly suspect that excavation will show that this tower is one side of a city gate. The masonry of this tower consists of stones of moderate size, hammer-dressed to a fairly well-squared shape, and set in mud. The masonry is distinctly superior to that of the early Jebusite wall just described, but it was still found necessary to fit small stones into the interstices between the large ones. The courses range in height between 1ft. and 1ft. 6in.

The long wall running eastward from this tower is now 80ft. in length, after which it has been broken short by subsequent alterations. Another couple of feet is traceable at 91-93 feet from the western tower, after which it has vanished completely; a miserable mediæval Arab factory of some kind, with huge cisterns hollowed in the rock, has been planted at the eastern end of our field, and has literally devoured indiscriminately all ancient buildings that may have formerly existed on this part of the site. But just at the extreme east end there are the dilapidated remains of a tower, 125ft. 9in. away from the first tower, which may, perhaps, mark the end of the stretch of wall.

Most of the stones in the wall are simply hammer-dressed. Some, however, show rough chisel-dressing, and a very few (including one in the footing) have been dressed with a comb-pick having seven teeth to the inch. This gives us a definite date for the beginning of the use of the tool in question, roughly coinciding with the introduction of iron into the country. One stone of he north wall has a marginal draft formed with the comb-pick, the central rectangle being pocked.

At the place where this wall crosses Rock Scarp B, a wall running southward butts against it. It seems to be the east wall of a tower, but some further digging will be necessary before this can be fully determined. The relation between this wall and two walls to the south, as yet imperfectly revealed, is obscured by a later cistern which has broken into the point of intersection. This wall is carried down to the rock by a foundation of small and rather flat stones, carelessly piled, and, so to speak, packed together. The same construction underlies the footing of the long wall, at the place where it crosses the vat of the ancient olive press.

The principal wall of this system remained standing for a long time, though it passed out of use as a fortification when the city was extended northward. Against both sides of it houses were built, utilising it as an external wall.

SOLOMON.

Solomon "built Millo and repaired the breach of David his father." What was the breach of David—a breach which he had made, or which he had suffered? Undoubtedly the former, for David captured the stronghold, and there is no record that anyone succeeded in capturing it from him. Look back at the description of David's capture of Jerusalem, as it is related in II. Samuel, Chapter V. David sent Joab and his men up "the gutter"—that is to say, according to the ancient and most probable theory, up Warren's Shaft, which opens on the hilltop hardly more than a stone's throw from the place now being explored. Joab can scarcely have had many followers in his daring enterprise, but they were enough to keep the defenders at one part of the wall engaged while David breached the wall at this place and entered the city.

The most likely place for such an attack is the uppermost end of the city, where the invaders would have the advantage of operating from a yet higher level. And just here we find that the Jebusite outer wall has been violently thrown down. The great stones lie in a heap, which is imposing even yet, though doubtless many of the blocks have been taken from it by subsequent builders. This chaotic ruin, I feel, there is every reason to regard as the "breach"; and the long wall that runs in front of it was a block which filled the gap while avoiding the trouble of removing and replacing all the great stones. It is probable, as we shall see in a moment, that there was here a gate in the outer Jebusite wall.

Solomon "built Millo and repaired the breach"—that is, he built "the filling" which stopped the gap. And when we find a fortification erected on the stone heap, using, in fact, the stone heap as a strong foundation, we may reasonably infer that this fortification is actually Millo. Unfortunately, the depredations of later builders, probably down to our own time, have reduced this interesting structure to its foundation. Moreover, its northward extension is a matter of conjecture only, as it runs into a field which is outside the limits of our concession.

The most striking feature of the structure, however, was the public portico and staircase.

The public entrance to this portico was not, however, between the pillars that are visible, but from the west, between the western pillar and another which we may postulate to the north. The stylobate is prolonged in this direction, and there seems to have been a ramp beside it, leading up to the lowest step; below the ramp there are rock-cut steps, after which we lose the path, but it seems to have led on to the Davidic gateway, which is as yet a matter of theory. Thus, Millo was not only a repair of the breach, but an ornamental portico (like the Propylæa of the Athenian acropolis on a small scale), leading upward to the newly-added suburb on which Solomon set his own house and the temple.

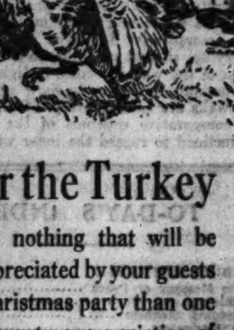
HEZEKIAH.

In the above description we have said nothing of the east wall of the tower. The omission was intentional, for it is probable that this part of the structure is later than the rest. The Book of Chronicles records that among the works undertaken by Hezekiah in anticipation of the coming of Sennacherib was the strengthening of Millo. I am inclined to regard the east side of Millo as showing evidence of this operation. The east side of the tower is composed of two parallel walls, which, though set in strong cement, have all the irregular clumsy appearance of walls built in feverish haste. They are 7ft. 6ins. apart, and intercept a long, narrow vault, floored by the rock, in which is sunk a small cistern. A staircase, with very rough steps, leads up from the rock floor to a narrow postern door in the westernmost of these two walls. This vault may possibly have been used as a prison. The easternmost of the two walls has been injured by being subsequently adapted as a wall in the Arab factory before mentioned.

Reviewing the whole subject, it will be seen how exactly—almost uncannily—the archæological evidence accords with the literary. We should find a fortress built, filling a breach in the wall, and we have found it. That tower should show signs of a later repair under stress of imminent danger, and it does. There should be a fortification wall built "inward from" the tower, and there is. There should be no conspicuous fortification here earlier than the time of Solomon, and there is not. Absolutely everything that we know about Millo—except the murder of Joash, which could hardly be expected to leave recognisable traces—is reflected in the structures which have now passed under the reader's eye. In the absence of inscriptions, none of which have come to light, I venture to say that these coincidences constitute the strongest possible argument in favour of the claim that Millo has been discovered, and that thus a hitherto unsolved problem of the Biblical topography of Jerusalem has been settled.

By the time these lines are in print, the ruins of Millo will once more repose safely under the covering mantle of earth which has hidden them from the eyes of Bible students for at least forty generations.

We claim to have settled finally two questions of topography—the minor question of the position and nature of Millo, and the major, all-important question of the site of the City of David. The very ancient pottery that is being found on the site shows that we have broken into the Jebusite city; once for all, it was on the eastern hill, and the claim of the western hill to be "Zion" disappears for ever.



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THE MONAGHAN SHOOTING.

A CHARGE OF MURDER.

Our Monaghan Correspondent writes:—Private James J. Graham, the military policeman who is under arrest for the shooting of Private Fitzgerald, of the Free State Army, was brought before a special court at Monaghan, charged with the wilful murder of Fitzgerald.

Superintendent Jeremiah Murphy gave evidence of the arrest, and said that, after being duly cautioned, the accused made the following statement:—"I went on duty about 6.30 p.m. on the 20th inst. Guard Breen and myself were going down Market street at 8.30 p.m. and we noticed four National soldiers standing against a window. Their coats were open and they had their hands in their pockets, and it is my opinion they were in an aggravating mood. I told them, 'What kind of an affair is this?' and the four of them said together: 'What the damn is it to you. . . .' I went on ahead towards the Nunnery, and he came back the Cotehill road and reported the matter to the orderly officer, Lieutenant Bishop. He said: 'We will wait a bit till the O.C. comes back,' and finally we decided not to wait. I made him come with me to recognise them, the way I would get their names coming in, and when he came down they were in a publichouse, which we passed on our return. We met them on the Nunnery side of the chapel. Lieutenant Bishop approached them and questioned them about their conduct, and for them to button their coats and remove their hands from their pockets. They said he wasn't on duty and 'When did you get to be a policeman?' He said he was an officer. 'We know you are,' they replied. Fitzgerald, the deceased, was one of those men, and the two Ahernes and Private Gregory were also present, but said nothing. As we were going away they said to us 'About turn.' Lieutenant Bishop and myself then returned to the barracks to get reinforcements from the O.C., who was still out. I waited about the barracks for about half an hour, waiting on the O.C.

"Commandant Magill, Lieutenant Bishop, Private McGrory, and myself went out to the town in the direction of Dublin street. Private McGrory and myself were ordered to walk in front a short distance, to see if we could find out where the boys were. We eventually met the same three, who were shouting and bawling as if they were drunk. Private McGrory approached them and came back and said: 'Don't disgrace yourself in the town, as them fellows are out for a row.' We then went back to the barracks, but did not enter, as Lieutenant Bishop was not there. The four men were on our heels all the time, shouting, jeering, and aggravating us. At the gate they overtook us and shouted, 'Is it us you want?' We said we didn't, and they said 'If you do, we will give you your fill of it,' at the same time taking off their coats, which they hung up on the rails, and charging for us. One of the men struck McGrory, and I shouted: 'That will do,' and then they rushed for me. I put my hand in my pocket, pulling my revolver half way out. The deceased sprang on me, and I tried to pull off his guard with my left hand. I had the revolver at that time in my hand, with the nose of it pointing to the ground. He grabbed it with his left hand by the muzzle and gave it a pluck to try and pull it from me, and it went off. He fell at my feet. The guard then came out and beat us badly."

Mr. D. X. Keenan, solicitor, represented the prisoner. A remand was granted until the next district court, the prisoner being removed in custody to Lundalk Jail.

The conduct of the military in Monaghan on Thursday night and the scenes which took place before and after the shooting of Private Fitzgerald were the subject of a military inquiry on Saturday, and it is understood that strict disciplinary measures will be taken.

OBITUARY.

MR. ROBERT CRAWFORD.

The death took place yesterday at 62 Lansdowne road, Dublin, of Mr. Robert Crawford for some time the Secretary of the Great Southern and Western Railway. Mr. Crawford was a most popular and capable official, and his death will be regretted deeply by his many friends in all parts of Ireland.

LORD HENLEY.

The Times to-day announces the death of Lord Henley yesterday at Watford Court, Rugby. Born in 1849, he entered the diplomatic service, and was for some years an Attache in Vienna. He retired from the service in 1873, and in 1898 succeeded his father. He leaves no issue, and the baronies pass to his brother, the Hon. Anthony Ernest Henley.

MR. C. J. P. FARRELL.

The death took place on the 17th inst. at his residence, Dublin road, Longford, of Mr. C. J. P. Farrell, solicitor. Born in Longford in December, 1876, he was a son of the late Mr. Patrick Farrell, and a brother of the late Mr. J. P. Farrell, a former member of Parliament for Longford. As a student in St. Mel's Secondary College, Mr. Farrell was an exhibitioner in literature in the Intermediate examinations, and later when he became apprenticed to the profession of the law he distinguished himself as a debater at the meetings of the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society. Among other prizes, he won the Society's gold medal for oratory, and subsequently took the degree of B.A. in Classics at the Royal University, Dublin. As a practising lawyer he was very successful. He took an active part in public affairs, and for many years was a member of the Longford County Council and the Longford Urban District Council. He was a keen sportsman, and as a yachtsman participated in the yearly contests of the Shannon Yaching Club. He was a well-known figure in the social life of his native town, and was Secretary of the County Club since its inception three years ago.

SLIGO MUSICAL SOCIETY.

It is a pleasure to note that the old-established Sligo Musical Society continues to flourish under the directorship of its energetic young conductor, Mr. Mark Franklin, successor to Dr. Froggart and Mr. A. Loretto. The reputation of the Society has been enhanced by the performance last week of Bach's Christmas Oratorio (Parts 1 and 2). The Sligo Musical Society has done a great deal for music in the West of Ireland, and was largely responsible for the institution of the Sligo Feis Ceoil, which is one of our foremost festivals.

VEXATIOUS IMPORT ARRANGEMENTS.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' COMPLAINTS.

THE HOTEL TARIFF PROBLEM.

Sir Thomas Robinson, J.P., President, presided at the annual general meeting of the Dublin branch of the United Commercial Travellers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland in the Central Hotel, Dublin, last Saturday evening.

He said that few outsiders had any conception of the amount of work or responsibility that rested with the members of that Association. They heard a good deal about the building up of the country and about increasing their industries, and he did not know of any body of men who had a more responsible task of building up the future of the country than the members of that Association, who were charged with a very great duty and were in touch with distributors all over the country. They had some notable industries, and it was the object of the Association to see that these industries should be extended and increased, and that they should be just as largely distributing the manufactures of this country as in distributing the products of other countries, so far as it was possible.

He did not think that there was any reason why there should not be great progress in this country; but there was one thing that they would have to get, and get immediately, and that was some relief from the vexatious conditions under which material of all kinds was imported into this country. They had had to face a tremendous difficulty during the spring and early part of the summer in the dockers' strike, when it was almost impossible to get delivery of goods. He was sure that many of them had been affected financially by that "hold up"; and, having grappled with that difficulty, they had then to resume the conflict with the Customs officials in order to get some understanding on the standardisation of duty on goods coming into the country.

He was quite willing to admit that with a new Customs barrier it was to be expected that there would be some initial delay and some initial suspicion about the various kinds of goods coming in; but after six months or more the Customs department should be so experienced that that difficulty should have ceased. (Hear, hear.) There should be no more difficulty in Dublin to-day in clearing goods than there was in Liverpool, and there was no reason why they should not be able to clear their goods on the evening of the day of the ship's discharge. The delay caused by the new Customs department was intolerable and unjust to the trade of Ireland.

On the motion of Mr. Grimes, seconded by Mr. Wyatt, and supported by Mr. Kyle, Sir Thomas Robinson was unanimously re-elected President of the Association for the third year in succession, amid applause.

Mr. F. A. Wyatt, retiring chairman of the branch, spoke of the good work that the Association does as being really wonderful, and said that its help was promptly and gladly given to those who needed it.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. W. F. Weir, the honorary secretary, reported that during the year twelve members had resigned, five were transferred to other branches, three had died, and 109 had been struck off the roll. They had gained 37 new members, and their total membership was now 450. The year that the Association had just passed through had been, perhaps, the darkest and most difficult, not only for individual members, but for the committee and for the branch as a whole. One thing that had to be learned was that strikes did not pay the workers, and members of that Association could not, as workers, confine themselves to an eight-hour day limit. A great part of the work of the committee at the beginning of the year was in connection with the question of Excise and duties on travellers' samples. He supposed that for four months they were at it, giving information not only to their own members, but sometimes to the Customs officials themselves. Things were now settling themselves. They had got over a good many of their difficulties, and he thought that so far as these were concerned the dawn was coming.

They had been trying for months, and were still trying, to come to some arrangement whereby travellers having motor cars could cross and re-cross the border without laying down the sum of money that they had at present to deposit, and if their success was to be measured by the obstacles that they had overcome, he thought that they would have occasion to congratulate themselves.

Their Committee and their Association were not altogether satisfied with regard to the hotels. The Irish commercial travellers had been taking a leading and a striking part in regard to coming to some settlement with the hotels. Early in the year they issued a circular, signed by the Chairman of that and other Associations in Ireland, trying to come to a fixed price in regard to commercial tariffs. A Committee was to be called early in January, under the auspices of the Irish Commercial Travellers, when there would be delegates present from the various associations in Ireland, and this question of hotel tariffs would be threshed out to see if they could not come to any reasonable settlement. But there was no use in camouflaging the thing, and the Committee was of opinion that this was a matter that was largely in the hands of the members. The position was this: the hotels were doing well; the demand very much exceeded the supply; and they could fill their beds in most of the hotels every night at their own price. That was the position which they had to face to-day.

Mr. F. A. Wyatt, honorary treasurer, submitted the balance sheet and statement of accounts, which showed a credit balance of £198 7s. 11d., being an increase of £16 16s. 9d. on the previous year.

On the motion of Mr. A. E. Bradbury, seconded by Mr. R. J. Dalzell, the reports of the honorary secretary and the honorary treasurer were adopted.

The treasurer announced that an application to purchase £200 worth of Irish National Loan could not be accepted.

Mr. Arthur Bradbury was elected Chairman of the branch for the ensuing year; Mr. Samuel Armstrong was elected Vice-Chairman; and Mr. W. F. Weir and Mr. F. A. Wyatt were re-elected hon. secretary and hon. treasurer, respectively.

Mr. P. S. Andrew, hon. secretary of the Benefit Society, stated that they had on the books on the 31st of December, 1922, 79 members holding 484 shares. During the year they lost three members through transference. No members had resigned, and he was glad to say that there had not been any deaths. They had paid during the year 14 sick and accident claims. They had 13 new members for 1923, taking out 88 shares, and one member had increased his shares to the maximum of eight, leaving on the roll to date 89 members, holding 552 shares. The net gain for the year was ten members and 64 shares. This branch of the Society was started in 1905, with a membership of four. It had gradually risen to 89, and he thought that they had two new members in the room that night.

The Executive Committee and other usual annual elections having been decided on, and votes of thanks passed, the meeting concluded.

It was explained by the secretary that the object of changing the name of the Society from "The United Kingdom Travellers' Association" to "The United Travellers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland" was to enable them to include the Dublin and Cork branches, in view of the Irish Treaty.

BRAY TRADES COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Bray Trades' Council a vote of thanks was passed to the representatives on the Urban District Council for their successful efforts in providing work for all the unemployed in the town in view of the approach of Christmas. On the motion of Mr. Metcalf, a resolution was unanimously passed condemning the action of the Government in trying to force local authorities to reduce the wages of road workers.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was resolved to forward a message of congratulation to the English Labour Party on the victory secured by them at the recent General Election.

NATIONAL BANK CLERKSHIPS.

Last exam., Nov., 1923. Successful from SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin:—Messrs. J. Bryan, H. P. Cullen, R. G. Curran, J. Doody, M. G. Doyle, P. A. Dunne, M. Grealy, H. J. Horneck, M. V. Johnston, M. H. McCarthy, P. J. McHale, E. J. Miliffe, J. G. Murphy, J. A. O'Callaghan, J. O'Connor. 15 of the 17 Students sent forward were successful. BEST RESULT. Classes resume work on 31st inst.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

LION FOR DUBLIN "ZOO."—At the North Wall on Saturday morning there arrived for the Royal Dublin Zoological Gardens, Phœnix Park, a young lion. It was carried in a large box on the steamer.

AN OLD DUBLIN CHARITY.—During the past fortnight the Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers' Society (Incorporated) assisted 906 deserving poor families, distributing £650 4s. 6d. in their relief. The demands on the funds are very heavy at present, and the Committee appeals to the charitable public for increased financial aid.

COLLIDED WITH "FLYING SQUAD."—In the Dublin Police Court on Saturday, Patrick Ward, an employé of Messrs. Kidd, Nassau street, was remanded on a charge of being drunk whilst driving a motor van at Fairview on Friday night. It was stated that he was unable to control the van and ran into a Ford car occupied by a "flying squad" of the detective force. Inspector O'Driscoll received a scalp wound, which necessitated stitching, and Detective Byrne, the driver, sustained injuries to his left arm. The detectives' car was badly damaged.

LEINSTER.

PRESENTATION TO A TEACHER.—On the occasion of his retirement as principal of Tara Hill, Gorey, National Schools, after 36 years' service, Mr. Patrick Browne was presented by the people of the parish with a wallet of notes.

ROBBERIES IN COUNTY MEATH.—On Thursday evening a youth about 17½ years of age entered the Oldcastle Post Office, "held up" the female assistants and seized a sum of 15s. On the same day a hawker from Dublin had £5 worth of goods taken off his motor car.

A SUB-SHERIFF'S SALARY.—At an adjourned special meeting of the Longford County Council, the Secretary said that a writ of *mandamus* has been obtained against the Council by Mr. Denis Kerigan, Sub-Sheriff, for £300 due as salary, and the Council was now bound to pay this amount.

PRESENTATION TO MASTER OF HOUNDS.—To mark their appreciation of the sport which he is providing in South Wexford, Mr. J. Davis, Master Killinick Harriers, has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. Boxwell, Butlerstown Castle, with a riding coat in the colours of the Hunt, and by Miss Joan O'Connor, Wexford, with a hunting vest of old gold.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN BOLGER.—The death occurred on Friday morning, at his country residence, Scoby House, Enniscorthy, of Mr. John Bolger, Urban Councillor. Mr. Bolger was one of Wexford's leading business men, being proprietor of the Hibernian House, Enniscorthy. Formerly a Justice of the Peace, he was a well-known Nationalist, and for many years was the representative of North Wexford on the National Directory.

DOCTOR'S GIFT OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY.—Dr. Egan, late of Ballymahon, who has died in America, has, by his will, left $20,000 to the "Mayor of Ballymahon," County Longford, to start a free public library in the town. At a very large and representative meeting of the people of the town, at which the Rev. P. Daly, Adm., Ballymahon, presided, an interesting discussion took place as to the selection of a site. Messrs. G. Daly and W. Nally were appointed to look after the people's interests in the matter.

MUNSTER.

DEATH OF A DISTRICT COURT CLERK.—The death has occurred at Rosscarbery of Mr. Patrick O'Mahony, the District Court Clerk.

THE COLOUR OF A MOTOR CAR.—For failing to notify the County Council of the change of colour of his motor car, James O'Connor, of Cahirciveen, was fined 2s. 6d. at Killorglin District Court.

REDUCED ASYLUM ESTIMATE.—There is a decrease in the Killarney Mental Hospital annual estimate of £2,927 when compared with last year.

PRICE OF PIGS AT KANTURK.—Fat pigs sold well at Kanturk Christmas market, and they were in demand amongst the buyers from Cork, Tralee, and Limerick who attended. Bacon pigs of medium weight, not exceeding 1¼ cwts., were in request and brought the satisfactory price of 67s. per cwt.

DISTRICT HOSPITAL WANTED.—The town of Bandon is urgently in need of local hospital accommodation, and the general desire is to have the destroyed fever hospital there rebuilt and equipped as a permanent district hospital for the town and the area comprised in the Bandon rural district. The Bandon Guardians are taking action in the matter and so is the local branch of the Irish Transport Workers' Union.

MAIL CAR ROBBED.—On Saturday morning the Nenagh-Thurles mail car was stopped between Borrisoleigh and Nenagh and about twelve registered parcels were carried off. The driver was then allowed to continue his journey to Nenagh. This car has been repeatedly robbed within the past couple of months.

CONNAUGHT.

NEW POLICE STATIONS.—Civic Guard stations were opened last week at Milltown (Gordan's lodge), Blindwell (Lady Hempel's lodge), Barnaderg, and Headford, in County Galway.

CONDOLENCE WITH COUNTY COURT JUDGE.—On the motion of Mr. H. R. Wood-Martin, T.C., seconded by Mr. Costello, T.C., the Sligo Corporation passed a vote of condolence with his Honour Judge Wakely on the death of his wife.

DEATH OF DR. RUTHERFORD.—Dr. R. Acheson Rutheford, of Manorhamilton, died at his residence, Earlsfield, Manorhamilton, on Thursday evening after a short illness. Dr. Rutherford was medical officer under the Manorhamilton Board of Guardians for over 50 years. Much regret is felt at his demise.

IRISH ORGANISER FOR MAYO.—The Mayo Technical Instruction Committee have appointed Mr. Sean O'Langain Irish organiser for the county at a salary of £180 per annum, with bonus and travelling expenses. Mr. Michael O'Cleary, Logboy, has been appointed to succeed Mr. O'Langain as Irish teacher in Westport and Foxford.

AN UNEMPLOYMENT LOAN.—Mr. Conlon, County Councillor, has given notice that he will move at the Sligo County Council that provision be made to obtain a loan of £10,000 at an approximate cost of 1s. in the £ on the rates, for the relief of unemployment by giving work on roads unfinished in backward districts.

A MAYOR AND HIS DEPUTY.—With regard to a recent letter from Mr. Nevin, T.C., Mayor of Sligo, appointing Mr. Flanagan, T.C., as his deputy, Mr. McCarthy, Law Agent, has advised the Corporation that the Mayor cannot delegate his powers so far as the conduct of meetings of the Council is concerned. In some cities, including Dublin, the Lord Mayors or Mayors had this power under local Acts.

DROWNED IN LOUGH SWILLY.—At an inquest on the body of Patrick Logan, of Gweedore, who lost his life by drowning at Black Rock, Manorcunningham, the jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning.

LOVER LOSES HIS TEETH.—At the Donemana Petty Sessions William Kelly, of Castlemellon, was fined 5s. with costs for an assault. Charles Pollock said that he was out the road courting a girl when the defendant struck him and knocked out two teeth.

ASSAULT ON A POLICEMAN.—At Donemana Petty Sessions Patrick Devlin, Donemana, was fined £1 with costs for assaulting Sergeant Rulton, Donemana. District Inspector Gallagher said that only it was near Christmas he would have asked the magistrates to send Devlin to Derry Jail.

BODY WASHED ASHORE.—The body of a man has been washed ashore at Manorcunningham. Some of the Civic Guards went out and took charge of the remains, which are thought to be those of a man who disappeared some time ago at Letterkenny.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

CALL TO BELFAST MINISTER.—It is stated that the congregation of First Donaghadee Presbyterian Church has agreed to present a unanimous call to Rev. D. D. Boyle, M.A., of M'Quiston Memorial Presbyterian Church, Castlereagh road, Belfast, to succeed Rev. R. J. Wilson, M.A., who a few months ago, after a ministry of two years in the County Down town, accepted a call to Waterside, Londonderry.

RELIEVING OFFICER DROWNED.—At an inquest in Ballinary, near Lurgan, on the body of Mr. Albert E. Stevenson, relieving officer, Lurgan Union, a verdict of accidental death by drowning was returned. The deceased man was collecting labourers' cottage rents on Friday when he was seized with a fit and fell into a drain alongside the road. He was suffocated.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN AN ASYLUM.—At the meeting of the Derry Asylum Board Dr. Watson, Resident Medical Superintendent, reported that a female patient, while on her way back from attending Mass on the 9th inst., threw herself over a railing into an area in the public yard, fracturing both bones of the right leg above the ankle. No one was to blame.

FIRE IN ARMAGH.—An alarming fire broke out in the residential portion of the Armagh Savings Bank on Friday morning. After strenuous efforts by the Constabulary the fire was extinguished before it reached the adjoining bank premises.

SICKNESS DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER.—It was reported at the meeting of Derry Asylum Board that there was an unusual amount of sickness amongst the female patients, due to the severe weather.

BELFAST MAN'S ILLNESS.—Deep regret will be experienced in Belfast, and particularly in shipbuilding circles, at the intimation that Mr. John W. Moir, M.B.E., of Greenisland, has been confined to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, for over a month, suffering from a serious internal complaint. He is proceeding on the path to recovery. Mr. Moir is the riveter, from Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co.'s shipyard, who during the war established a world's record for riveting, which has never been eclipsed.

FIRE AT DERRY SHIPYARD.—A fire occurred in the paint shop of the Derry shipyard on Friday night. A number of employés applied hand extinguishers and later laid a line of hose, while the Fire Brigade put on a jet from the dock, and by these means the fire, which had occurred in a corner of the shop and penetrated the roof, was soon extinguished. The damage is not serious.

PRICE OF GAS IN DERRY.—In the new year the price of gas in Derry will be reduced by a shilling per thousand cubic feet, equal to 2.4 pence per therm, making the price 5s. per thousand cubic feet, or a shilling per therm.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.—The death has taken place of Mr. James M'Geary, of Derryclooney, Augher, at the age of 102.

53 YEARS IN AN ASYLUM.—The death of a patient, aged 86 years, who was admitted to Derry Asylum in 1870, has just taken place.

ROAD UPKEEP.—The Clogher Rural Council on Saturday recommended £5,600 as their estimate next year for the maintenance of unclassified roads.

ULSTER MINISTRY AND GUARDIANS.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF.

As the result of the resolution sent by the Belfast District Committee of the Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades' Federation to the Belfast Poor Law Guardians, relative to the granting of outdoor relief to necessitous cases, the Trades' Federation approached the Ministry of Home Affairs on the subject.

The Ministry, in a communication to Mr. H. C. Spiers, district secretary to the Federated Trades, enclosed a copy of a letter which has been sent to the Board of Guardians under date December 20. The letter is as follows:—

"I am directed by the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland to state that he has had before him the resolutions of the Board of Guardians of Belfast Union of the 11th and 18th inst. regarding the question of granting poor law relief to meet cases of exceptional distress.

"The Ministry observe that the Board of Guardians desire authority to 'grant relief at their discretion to such persons, being heads of families, ordinarily resident in this union district who for legitimate reasons are not in receipt of, or entitled to, unemployment or any other State benefit, and who are unable to obtain employment.

"It appears to the Ministry that the objects of the Guardians could be attained by putting into operation Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, suitable conditions being prescribed to give effect to any reasonable safeguards which may be proposed by the Guardians.

"The Ministry can, of course, only make an order under the section quoted on receipt of an application 'by the Council of the County' in which exceptional distress exists, and no doubt the Guardians will now take the action that is required of them in accordance with the section."

It is understood that the Board of Guardians have since approached the Belfast Corporation with a view to applications being made to the Ministry of Home Affairs for the issue of an order under Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, authorising the Guardians, subject to certain conditions, to administer relief out of the workhouse to persons covered by the terms of the resolution.

ORDINATION SERVICE IN DUBLIN.

At the Morning Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, yesterday, the Archbishop ordained the Rev. A. S. Bluett, M.A., to the Curacy of the Parish of St. Werburgh's; and the Rev. G. W. FitzPatrick, M.A., to the Curacy of St. Paul's, Glenageary.

The preacher was Chancellor McNeile.

ROSSE COLLEGE, STEPHEN'S GREEN.

Since Oct. 1 Pupils of this College have gained 46 Bank Clerkships (including the 1st Seven Places at Bank of Ireland Examination) and 7 Railway and Corporation Appointments. The College re-opens on Monday, Dec. 31.—(Advt.)

CENTURY OLD DUBLIN CHARITY.

WORK OF ST. JOSEPH'S GIRLS' ORPHANAGE.

The annual charity sermon on behalf of St. Joseph's Girls' Orphanage, Mountjoy street, Dublin, was preached yesterday by the Very Rev. Vincent Byrne, S.J., in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Upper Gardiner street, Dublin.

Dealing with the work of the institution, the preacher emphasised the obligation which rested upon each of them to render what assistance they could. For a century and a half the Orphanage had nurtured and guided little children whose parents had been taken from them. They received at the hands of the Sisters of Charity a liberal and comprehensive education, which fitted them for worldly positions when the time came for them to leave the institution. The work was, indeed, most meritorious and well worthy of support.

The preacher, in the course of further remarks, referred to the relations existing between them and their Protestant countrymen in the North. He hoped that the time was near when they would be united and live in the most friendly and Christian accord.

IRISH DISTRESSED LADIES' FUND.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Fund was held at their offices, 4 Kildare street, last Friday, Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Frederick FitzGerald in the chair. Also present were the Lady HolmPatrick, Miss Constance Butler, Miss Amy Tottenham, Lady Moore, Madam MacDermot, Colonel St. Leger Tottenham, D.L.; Mr. Charles H. Chaytor, and Lieutenant-Colonel Baillie, F.S.I.

The pension list for January was submitted, when cheques amounting to £79 were ordered to be issued, together with fuel grants amounting to £28.

The thanks of the Committee are to be sent to Lady Ardilaun for her donation of £50, enabling the Committee to issue coal grants for two months.

The Secretary reported having received the following collections since their last meeting—From Co. Clare, £11 12s. 6d.; Co. Longford, £9 13s. 6d., and the County Limerick £30 17s., for which the Committee desired their thanks to be forwarded.

Applications received since their last meeting were then considered, when grants amounting to £125 were sanctioned, together with £90 in loans, and the Committee trusted they would receive help to relieve those ladies placed in their present position, through no fault of their own.

BODY OF MISSING BOY FOUND.

The body of a boy named Daniel McMahon, aged eight years, who had been missing from his home in Irishtown, Limerick, for three weeks, was found floating in the Grand Canal, near Limerick, on Saturday morning.

DEAD WOMAN'S BODY SEIZED.

ALLEGED THEFT OF COFFIN.

REMARKABLE DERRY CASE.

Further evidence was given at a special court held in Londonderry on Saturday before Mr. R. W. Glass, R.M., in connection with the prosecution arising out of the seizure of the corpse of the wife of George Monteith, a Protestant labourer, residing at New Buildings, Londonderry, by a party of Roman Catholics from Londonderry city, who arrived at Monteith's house a short time before the dead woman was to be buried as a Protestant. The corpse was removed to Derry by these Roman Catholics, and afterwards buried in the city cemetery under Roman Catholic auspices, the husband, accompanied by a party of B Specials from his district, being unable to recover the body when, on the evening of the seizure, they went to the house in Londonderry to which it had been removed and found a wake being held.

The defendants are:—John Hegarty, sen.; John Hegarty, jun.; Mary Hegarty, Charles Doherty, Samuel Ramsey, Joseph McCann, Edward Cunningham, and William J. Cunningham. They are charged with stealing the coffin and shroud, the property of Monteith, at New Buildings, on the 10th November, and with taking part in an unlawful assembly.

Mr. Connor, City Commissioner, prosecuted, and Mr. T. E. Conaghan appeared for the accused.

Denis Cassidy, labourer, New Buildings, said that he was a member of the Special Constabulary. On the 10th of November last he was in the house of George Monteith at New Buildings, between 1 and 2 o'clock p.m. Shortly before 2 o'clock he saw the accused come into the house. He could identify them all except one—W. J. Cunningham.

Mr. Connor—Did you hear any of those people say anything when they came into the house that day?

Witness—Mary Hegarty came in first, and told Mr. Monteith to take a last look at his wife as they were going to take her away.

Was anything else said? Old Mr. Hegarty insulted Mr. Monteith's housekeeper by throwing her on top of the corpse.

Were you there when the coffin was removed? Yes.

Can you say who actually removed the coffin? John Hegarty, sen., John Hegarty, jun., and McCann. That is all I can identify.

Mr. Conaghan—Were you down in Derry that night?

Witness—Yes.

You were one of the party of Specials? Yes.

There were more than a hundred men there? Not from my party.

You went there armed with rifles? Yes.

For the deliberate purpose of re-taking the remains? No.

What did you go there for? To try to get the remains peaceably.

That is the reason you took your rifles? We were on duty.

Your left your duty? Part of us left our duty.

Mr. Connor—You made no attempt whatever to take the body when Monteith told you he did not want it if it was going to cause trouble?

Witness—No.

Did you go near the house at all where the body was being waked? One man went within 20 yards of it.

You did not go near the house at all? No, sir.

Applying for a further adjournment of the case, Mr. Connor produced medical certificates to show that an important witness, Miss Doherty, Monteith's housekeeper, was suffering from influenza, and was unable to attend. He suggested an adjournment for a fortnight.

The case was adjourned till the 4th of January.

"MY DEAR CARNEGIE."

MAIDSERVANT'S LETTER RECEIVED ON HONEYMOON.

At Matlock Police Court on Saturday Winifred Christina Alsop, maid servant to a local doctor, was fined forty shillings and costs. She was charged with having written a letter to Lord Carnegie in the name of Captain R. Hill, asking for charitable contributions. Lord Carnegie, who received the letter on his honeymoon in Paris, sent the letter to the Derbyshire police, who arrested Alsop.

The letter the prisoner admitted having written read:—"My dear Carnegie,—Sorry, old boy, to trouble you at such a happy time." The letter went on to say the writer was raising funds to assist a poor woman, who within a year had lost all her eight children and her husband, and suggested that perhaps H.R.H. Lady Carnegie would like to help.

Prisoner told the Court she had separated from her husband, and had four children, two in the workhouse. She had received nothing from her husband for three years, and wrote the letter to Lord Carnegie to try and provide a home for her children.

In fining the prisoner, the Bench told her that but for the fact that they knew, perhaps, she had a miserable married life, they would have sent her to jail. What she had done was a most wicked thing.

TYRONE BORDER OUTRAGES.

Details have just come to hand, our Omagh Correspondent writes, of a couple of outrages committed on the Tyrone and Donegal border, about midway between Strabane and Castlederg.

A few nights ago the house of a farmer and cattle dealer named Charles Monaghan, of Innisclеen, on the Tyrone side, was entered by four disguised men, who were armed with revolvers, and Monaghan, his wife, two sons, and another young man who was present were "held up" while the party made a search of the house, taking £30 from a drawer and £4 from Monaghan's pocket.

Half an hour later a Protestant farmer named Thomas Bell, who resides one mile distant from Innisclеen, in County Donegal, while engaged feeding his cattle, was set upon by a number of disguised men, who brutally assaulted him because he declined to put up his hands when ordered. He became unconscious. They seized his gold watch and chain and made off.

It is reported that a number of armed men are lurking about the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Leggett Byrne have arranged a most attractive series of dances, to be held in the Imperial Ballroom (Clery's Restaurant) and in their Ballroom at 27 Adelaide road, Dublin, this week.

DUBLIN HOSPITAL'S APPEAL.

EFFORT TO REMOVE HEAVY DEBT.

The announcement that an effort to collect a quarter of a million of half-crowns has been begun in aid of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital—an old Dublin institution, with which many well-known men in medicine and surgery have been connected—stirs an inquiry as to the affairs of the hospital. It appears that they are the cause of much anxiety to its friends at present.

Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital has been in existence for almost one hundred and twenty years. It has only once before appealed to the public for support, and that was nearly thirty years ago, when a bazaar was held at Ballsbridge. Many people have the impression that Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital is a wealthy institution, but such an impression is erroneous. The estates left by Sir Patrick Dun now bring in only about £400 per annum, and the hospital is almost entirely dependent on public support. In days gone by the hospital received a grant from Trinity College, consisting of the *licent* fees, but that assistance ceased some years ago.

Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital provides medical and surgical treatment for the poor in one of the poorest localities in the city, and being in such close proximity to the quays and to many coal yards and factories, is called upon to deal with a large number of accident cases. It is a non-sectarian institution. Fully 85 per cent. of the patients treated there are Roman Catholics.

Some 50 per cent. of the patients belong to the destitute class, and are not able to pay a penny for their treatment or maintenance in hospital. About 15 per cent. pay some small amount towards their maintenance—from half-a-crown to ten shillings a week. The remaining 35 per cent. pay the full hospital charges for maintenance.

The hospital is now in debt to the amount of almost £10,000, and this debt has accumulated since the combined hospitals' bazaar less than three years ago. The expenses of all hospitals have increased in recent years in a ratio far outstripping the increase in ordinary revenue, and since there is no sign of an early return to the old proportions the accumulation of debt is a matter of great anxiety to governing bodies. Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital is one of the most hard-hit among them.

The governing body of the hospital has had under consideration recently various means of enlisting public support in aid of the work of the institution. The first step on which they have decided is the opening of a subscription list under the name of a 250,000 Half-Crowns Fund. There is an intention to form County Committees in all the counties of the Free State area; the hospital receives patients from all the twenty-six. With the assistance of these Committees and local collectors it is hoped that rapid progress will be made during the coming year towards the quarter-million mark. It is felt that collectors can ask with confidence for contributions of at least one half-crown from every one of their friends and neighbours towards the useful and charitable work of the hospital.

Later on some other means of raising money will be arranged, and the governors of the hospital will be seeking the assistance of friends willing to help in the organisation of a bazaar or *fête*. When it is realised that, besides clearing off the present deficit, the governors must continue to feel anxiety until some provision is made towards the carrying on of the work of the hospital for the next year or two at least, it will be understood that the task before them is one in which they will require every possible help and sympathy.

People who feel thankfulness for health and comfort in their own homes this Christmas may well be led by the news of this appeal to send off to the Matron a contribution of one or more half-crowns, so that her list may have a good start.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Lord Rosebery is spending Christmas at the Durdans, Epsom.

The mutilated body of an unknown man was found on the railway between Southport and Preston.

Charles Henry Johnson (80), of Gosport, fell overboard from a launch in Portsmouth Harbour. He was rescued, but died from shock.

Mr. Harry J. Garnham, manager, Palais de Danse, Derby, died suddenly in his office there at midnight.

Mr. W. J. W. Barrier, late headmaster of Oxford Gardens School, North Kensington, has been presented with a typewriter on his retirement after 38 years' service.

Part of a new building being erected in Balaam street, Plaistow, London, collapsed on Saturday, and two men were killed, one being the foreman of the job and the other a workman.

In trying to escape from a dog by climbing some iron railings, Joseph Mason, of Boston, (Lincs.), a schoolboy, slipped on a spike of the fence, which punctured his thigh. Tetanus rapidly developed, and he died.

A leasehold house, value £900, selected by the Mayor of Hammersmith, in the Old Oak road, is to be the principal prize in the collection of funds for the Hammersmith Nursing Association.

DEATH OF AUSTRALIAN JUDGE.—The death is announced of Judge Gordon, of the Supreme Court of South Australia.

TREVESSA HERO HONOURED.—Second Officer R. H. Hill, of the ill-fated steamer Trevessa, has been publicly presented with a gold watch and £24 in Treasury notes. The presentation was made by the Rev. John Appleyard, on behalf of the Brixham public, in recognition of his gallantry and endurance in navigating the Trevessa's second boat to Mauritius.

ASHES FOR THE SEA.—Captain L. P. Cross, of Bournemouth, who left £6,641, directed that all possible means should be taken by a reliable doctor, who was to be paid £5 for his services, to ensure that he was dead, after which his remains were to be cremated—the ashes to be scattered on the sea. The total cost of these directions was not to exceed £100.

THE KING AND LATE DR. JOWETT.—The widow of the late Dr. Jowett has received the following telegram from Lord Stamfordham:—"The King has heard of your grievous loss with sincere regret, and I am commanded to express His Majesty's sympathy with you in your sorrow. The King, through his personal acquaintance with Dr. Jowett, can well realise how deeply his loss will be mourned by all who experienced the power of his great spiritual influence and guidance."

GIRL FATALLY BURNED.

While Kathleen Newell, the seven years old daughter of Mrs. Newell, William street, Galway, was hanging clothes to dry at a fire in her house one of the garments caught fire. In endeavouring to subdue the flames her own dress became ignited. In a few moments she was a mass of flames. The cries of the child attracted the mother to the room, and she succeeded in quenching the flames, but not before the little one was badly burned. She was taken to the Galway Hospital, where she died.

CHARIOTS OF GOLD.

WONDERS OF LUXOR TOMB.

DISMANTLING THE SHRINE.

LUXOR, Sunday.

During the past two days the problem of removing the front section of the roof of the outer shrine has entirely absorbed attention. It is made of thick, close timber, and it is of very great weight. When raised it was found to be fitted with tongues, which complicated matters. The fragility of the gesso work also added to the difficulty, and since the confined space rendered impossible the erection of proper running tackle, special tackle had to be improvised.

The section was first raised by levers and wedges on to timber acting as a sled. After that scaffolding was erected around and under it. Next the rollers were inserted underneath the sled for the purpose of running it along parallel trestles.

While the insertion of rollers and wedges in the front portion was relatively easy on the inner side, the case was very different, since it meant climbing along the cornice and top of the hinder sections. These could not be asked to bear the weight of a man, nor was there space for a man to move. The small boy who proved so useful in the demolition of the partition wall was accordingly called on again, and, stripped to the waist and seated on his haunches, which was the utmost space permitted, he helped to slip the rollers and wedges in their required positions. The section was then lowered on its trestles into the ante-chamber, where it rests on wooden supports. A case is now being made to receive it, and when finished it will be placed under the section which will be lowered into it, and thus be ready for transport to the laboratory for treatment there.

WORK IN THE LABORATORY.

Mention has been made on more than one occasion of the work done in the laboratory in the matter of the preservation and restoration o fthe objects taken out of the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amen. We have heard of the exquisite Faience necklaces and corselet, which have been entirely reconstructed in their original form and pattern; of the throne, which has been restored to all its pristine beauty and elegance; and of the painted casket, on which the wonderful hunting scenes appear now as good as new. But foremost among the achievements in this connection certainly stand the chariots. Of these, two call for special mention—namely, the two State chariots, completely overlaid with sheet gold, inlaid with glass and stones, and ornamented with artistic designs and other decorations.

One of them is particularly fine. Without it has an elaborate scroll design, with on either side beautiful inlaid rosettes of silver, stones, and in front, on the breastwork, the protocol of the King. Within, running round the frame at the base, is a broad panel, also of sheet gold, with embossed figures in low relief. At either end of it is the King, depicted in the form of a Sphinx, trampling upon his enemies, who are represented by a series of alternating Asiatic and African captives, each with his arms bound. Above, in the breastwork, are royal cartouches, with at either side in the framework masses of silver stones.

All round the frame is a margin of decoration of silver and stone studs. At the lower extremities of the body are finely moulded heads of the household God, Bes, in gold work, ivory, and crystalline limestone, inlaid with polychrome, faience, glass, and stone. The wheels are covered with gold and the axles are richly encrusted, while the poles are finely adorned.

WONDERFUL DESIGNS.

When first it was brought out of the tomb this chariot, like the other, was in a somewhat tarnished and dilapidated condition, but now it has been considerably restored. The gold work has been cleaned. Wherever it has been possible the rosettes, studs, and other inlay work have been replaced. The wonderful lifelike designs of the embossed figures is now more striking than ever. The typical Semitic cast of countenance of the Asiatics and the characteristically negroid features of the Africans are remarkable. The wheels have been furbished and various parts of the trappings cleaned.

The second chariot is likewise a beautiful object, its gold sheeting being embossed and inlaid with a "rishi" (feather) pattern, and the protocol of the King in the central panel being devised to be in keeping with the scheme of decoration. Considerations of time, unfortunately, have not permitted doing as much to the chariots as one would have wished. Had they alone been found, fully six months could profitably have been spent on their reconstruction; but there is so much waiting to be dealt with that it has been generally impossible to give more treatment than has been necessary to enable them to reach Cairo in safety. As it is, the chariots are so beautiful that little more than mere consolidation work has been done to them. They now appear as wonderful specimens of their type, and they are a monument to the patience and perseverance of the workers in the laboratory. To facilitate packing, their parts have not been assembled, but this eventually will be done when they are placed on exhibition.

The contents of a tomb like that of Tut-Ankh-Amen give some conception of the magnificently regal state held by the rulers of Egypt 3,000 years ago, and, looking at these two chariots, with their gold-covered bodies and wheels sparkling and glistening in the sunshine, one could readily believe that when arrayed in gala splendour, the King drove in such a vehicle through the streets of Thebes or Tel-el-Amarna, he must have appeared to his subjects in a blaze of dazzling, almost of supernatural, light, fully in keeping with his claim to kinship with the prevailing deity.—(*Times* World Copyright.)

LUNACY LAW REFORM.

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN BELFAST.

The Derry Asylum Committee of Management have appointed their Chairman (Senator J. A. Long, D.L.), Councillor William Logue, and Mr. W. G. Webb, J.P., to represent them at a Conference of Northern Ireland Asylum Committees' representatives, called by the Belfast County Borough Committee, to be held in Belfast early in January, in connection with lunacy law reform in Northern Ireland, so that a joint agreed statement might be submitted to the Minister of Home affairs

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FUTURE OF THE NATIONAL STUD.

MORE INTERNATIONAL RACING.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Sunday Night.

The future of the National Stud has occupied a great deal of space in the London newspapers over the week-end. The first denials, qualified now by the messages from Dublin, to the effect that final negotiations have not yet been concluded, and most writers accept the fact that an important change is projected. The Racing Correspondent of the *Observer*, after tracing the breeding and racing successes of the stud, says:—"All this shows that the stud farm is still a particularly lively concern, and, whether or not it passes under the wing of the Free State, it should continue to be a force in racing affairs." It has been suggested, this correspondent adds, that, in the event of a transfer of the property, the bloodstock may be brought to Russley, but there is not nearly enough accommodation for them there. Moreover, even if additional acreage were procurable, it is clear that the qualities which have produced so many good horses in Kildare could not be encountered in Wiltshire. The country, meaning Ireland, he says, possesses unique advantages for the rearing of horses, in the shape of soil and climate. All through the times of political strife and turmoil the importance of maintaining its bloodstock breeding has never been overlooked in Southern Ireland. The success of the National Stud is a subject of much pleasure to sport-loving Irishmen.

The suggestion that the stud in any shape or form should pass to the Free State is hotly contested by the principal writers of the *Sportsman*. Vigilant says that Lord Wavertree's intention always was that the stud farm, although situated in Ireland, should be controlled by the Imperial Government from London. In fact, that it was in effect a gift to the British Empire. If the stud is made over to the authorities in Dublin that intention will be defeated, and the Empire deprived of the value of the gift. The Special Commission of the same ojurnal says:—"The report of the negotiations is a disturbing one, indeed. "The old adage," he adds, "as to not looking a gift horse in the mouth, would be altogether surpassed in the matter of discourtesy, if Lord Wavertree's splendid gift were to be sold by the nation to whom he gave it to a Government which was at that time non-existent. That it should be transferred to them—the Irish Free State—for a pecuniary consideration, and cease to be the National Stud, is too outrageous a scheme to be tolerated by any reasonable sportsman. It would be right enough to sell the Tully paddocks and buildings to the Free State Government, for those were not a gift, but paid for by the British Government; but the bloodstock and *prestige* of the stud as a going concern constituted a free gift from Lord Wavertree, and it would be monstrous ingratitude to sell them."

From the tone of these comments, it will be seen that any suggestion of transferring anything but the bare bones—that is to say, the land and buildings at Tully—will be bitterly opposed in this country. The Special Commissioner makes the suggestion that the stallions, mares and foals should be transferred to the old Hampton Court Paddocks. This is a pleasant, sentimental idea, but I am afraid the rather worn-out paddocks on the poor land in the Thames valley would never be likely to produce stock of the quality which, year after year, has been raised on the rich pastures in Kildare. As was stated in this journal the other morning, the *prestige* of the National Stud is founded on the suitability of the lands at Tully to raising the highest class of stock.

These are extraordinarily dull times in the world of racing. Even the Lingfield meeting on Saturday, which should have supplied us with a Christmas Eve topic, had to be abandoned, as there were several inches of snow on the ground in the morning, and the Executive could not see the possibility of any thaw dispersing it in time to make racing possible. They were, therefore, compelled to abandon the fixture.

The interesting topics of the moment are supplied by the cables. There is one from India that Donoghue, in the first important race he has ridden in the East, was beaten. He finished second in the King Emperor's Cup on Mr. Galstaun's Solo Bridge to Orange William, who was quite a well-known performer when in Rintoul's stable in this country.

EPINARD TO RACE IN THE STATES.

Of greater future interest is the news from America that M. Pierre Wertheimer, the owner of Epinard, who has been on a visit to the States, stated before leaving for his return to France that it had been arranged for Epinard to race the pick of the American four-year-olds in three races, to be run during next September and October. Epinard is to leave for the United States next July. Such a project, presumably, would not interfere with the appearance at Ascot of Epinard, which was promised us after he was beaten in the Cambridgeshire. Everyone had been looking forward eagerly to this, and bookmakers who specialise on future events have already had Epinard for some time in their lists at 16 to 1 for the Royal Hunt Cup. It would seem that the intention is not to run him in America until September. He would, therefore, have a couple of months in the States to get used to the conditions, and it may be prophesied that he will do better than the luckless Papyrus. From M. Wertheimer's decision to send Epinard over it would appear that we are committed to an era of international racing. Mr. H. F. Sinclair, the owner of Zev, had made a half promise that his horse would be sent to Ascot, but in view of Epinard going across the Atlantic this suggestion may be revised. We are anxiously waiting in this country the appearance of an American horse to do battle against the best that England and Ireland can produce.

AMERICAN DEMAND FOR BLOODSTOCK.

When commenting some months ago on the visit of Papyrus to America I suggested that about the only result of the unfortunate enterprise would be that it would probably give a filip to racing in America, and that such an outcome would be all to the good of the British breeder. I think it may be taken for granted that the extensive buying of bloodstock for America which has recently taken place here is one of the first signs of this. I am indebted to Mr. Moorhouse, of the British Bloodstock Agency, for the very interesting piece of information, that the Atlantic transport liner Mississipi, which sailed from London for New York yesterday carried one of the biggest shipments of thoroughbreds ever sent from this country, the liner having in all nearly 90 head of bloodstock on board.

Mr. Moorhouse also adds the interesting piece of information that Royal Canopy, whom I recently mentioned as having been disposed of by Mr. Edward Kennedy, goes to Virginia, to a syndicate composed of Captain P. M. Walker, Mr. S. S. Ross, and Messrs. B. B. and Montfort Jones, the latter a well-known racing man. Mr. B. B. Jones is the buyer into whose hands Two-Step will eventually pass, but she may not go to America for a long time.

I stated in this column several months ago that Lord Wolverton's good horse, The Night Patrol, has been sold to go to Australia, and the statement was promptly denied. The value of the denial may be gauged from the fact that the horse was shipped to Australia yesterday morning.

The demand for bloodstock from America looks like growing rapidly, and that country seems to be taking the place of the Argentine, where monetary conditions still remain bad, as a market for the very best of our surplus stock. What with the results of the last Newmarket sales and the prospects for the future, bloodstock breeders can sit down to their Christmas dinners with the conviction that the future is a bright one—brighter, indeed, that it has been for some time past.

THIS WEEK'S RACING.

There should be excellent racing during the coming week, with high-class fixtures at Kempton Park and Wolverhampton on Wednesday and Thursday, and at Newbury on Friday and Saturday. The opposition of Hawker and Blazing Corn over the three miles of the Oatlands Steeplechase on Wednesday should be of great interest, and I would support HAWKER to beat Mr. Kershaw's horse. In the Christmas Hurdle I would also oppose Mr. Kershaw's Cavalier, as I do not think he is quite good enough at the moment to give 12lbs. to FLAMING SWORD. An interesting hurdling novice in Noce D'Argent may run for the Fulwell Three-Year-Old Maiden Hurdle, but I prefer to trust to the more experienced PERAHARA. NORTH WALTHAM may gain his first victory over fences in the Kenton Steeplechase. At Wolverhampton on the same day HAIRPIN II. and TURKEY BUZZARD look good things, respectively, for the Christmas Cup and the Penkridge Steeplechase.

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HOLIDAY RACING

LEOPARDSTOWN AND LIMERICK.

Irish racegoers have so few opportunities of indulging in their favourite sport during the "off" season that they naturally look forward with eager anticipation to the holiday gatherings at Leopardstown and Limerick, where they are always well catered for.

LEOPARDSTOWN.

Satisfactory entries have been received at both places, and the programme at Leopardstown, which will, of course, hold most attraction for the Metropolitan, Northern, and Midland contingents, holds forth promise of very interesting sport, and the fact of so many recruits to the jumping game being due to compete will add zest to the proceedings. Sunnyray and Irish Delight, both of which boasted useful form on the flat, are amongst the entrants for the Maiden Hurdle, and each is reported to have shaped well over the "sticks" at home. There is material for a fine race in the Newtown Handicap, several of our best hurdlers being included in a big acceptance, and the events over the major obstacles should also pan out well. Selections are appended:—

LEOPARDSTOWN—WEDNESDAY.

Stand Hurdle Plate—**Sunnyray.**
Stewards' Hurdle Plate—**Eagerloon.**
Newtown Hurdle Plate—**Holy Fooks** or **Explanation.**
Tower Steeplechase—**Kanowna.**
St. Stephen's Steeplechase—**Max**; if absent, **Ruddy Glow.**

LIMERICK—WEDNESDAY.

Greenpark Plate—**Flower Vale** or **Cool Warrior.**
Christmas Plate—**Joe Mack.**
Holiday Plate—**Collins's selected.**
St. Stephen's Day Plate—**Grace Mary.**
Directors' Plate—**Mask-On.**

LEOPARDSTOWN PROGRAMME.

1.15—THE STAND MAIDEN HURDLE PLATE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. For maidens. 1¾ m. Age. st. lb.

KEREDERN (Mr. M. N. Conwan) H. Conway 5 11 10
LE ROUE (Mr. L. Brabazon) ...Owner 6 11 10
CASTLE DODD (Mr. Jas. Hooney) .Grundy 5 11 10
BATTINA (Captain P. J. Noonan) ...Burke 6 11 10
IONIAN (Mr. J. Duggan) ...Usher 5 11 10
ELLEN'S BEAU (Mr. P. Rogers) ...Arnott 5 11 10
FLOWER VALE (Mr. D. Foley) ...Maloney a 11 10
TIPPERARY BOY (Mr. John Doyle) Owner 4 11 7
RED OR (Mr. P. Rogers) ...F. Rogers 4 11 7
SUNNYRAY (Mr. P. Monahan) ...Doyle 4 11 7
PALLASGREEN (Mr. H. I. Ussher) ..Owner 4 11 7
MOST NOBLE (Colonel MacCabe) ...Staunton 4 11 7
SOUTH POLE (Mr. H. M. Hartigan) Owner 4 11 7
ORBRIDGE (Mr. F. Clarke) ...Fetherston 4 10 11
THAME LASS (Mr. T. Coombs) ...Owner 4 10 11
GOLD LURE (Mr. J. O. Wilson) ...Owner 4 10 11
SUNNY JUNE (Mr. John Gahan) ...Owner 4 10 11
SNIPE (Mr. C. Byrne) ...Owner a 10 10
CHILD OF THE HILLS (Mr. T. D. M'Keever) ...Owner a 10 10
LITTLE PAT (Mr. F. Mangan) ...Owner a 10 10
LADY TEUFEL (Capt. P. J. Noonan) Burke 6 10 10
SUNSWEPT (Mr. A. D. Comyn) ...Usher 5 10 10
MAUREEN (Mr. T. O'Roarke) ...Owner 5 10 10
DOMINICK (Mr. J. T. Rogers) ...Owner 5 10 10
HERALD (Mr. P. Corcoran) ...Byrne a 10 10
ARDONIAN (Mr. T. J. Tuaffe) ...Perry 5 10 10
IRISH DELIGHT (Mr. J. Musker) Parkinson 3 10 7
AVLONA GROSVENOR (Mr. J. Musker) Parkinson 3 10 7
WHITE ORNAMENT (Mr. T. P. O'Neill) Parkinson 3 10 7
FIRST CONSUL (Mr. T. Singleton) ..Brooks 3 10 7
QUARRY BOY (Mr. Jos. Walshe) C. Brabazon 3 10 7
FASSAROE (Mr. Jas. Daly) ...Owner 3 10 2
BACHELOR'S MODEL (Mr. F. S. Myers-cough) ...Fordred 3 10 2

1.45—THE STEWARDS' HURDLE PLATE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. A selling handicap. 1¾ m. Age. st. lb.

JANE MAGEE (Mr. A. Lowry) ...Dawson a 12 7
TRIM GATE (Mr. J. T. O'Ryan)..Parkinson 4 12 0
EAGERLOON (Mr. John Ryan) ...Doyle a 11 8
CROOUS (Mr. H. I. Ussher) ...Owner 5 11 4
GROSVENOR BOY (Mr. Musker)..Parkinson 4 11 4
DULCIE BRIDGE (Mr. H. I. Ussher)..Owner 4 11 2
WORLD PEACE (Mr. Jas. Fitzpatrick)..Perry 4 11 2
BROKEN VOW (Mr. P. W. Shaw)..Parkinson 4 11 1
FATE'S GIFT (Mr. H. Loughran) ...Dawson 6 11 1
PILLOW SLIP (Mr. T. Singleton) ...Brooks a 11 0
BATTINA (Capt. P. J. Noonan) ...Burke 6 11 0
RAPSCALLION (Mr. T. N. Perry)..Owner 5 11 0
COURT PICTURE (Mr. M. C. Collins)..Owner 6 11 0
FRANK WEBBER (Mr. H. M. Hartigan) Owner a 10 12
MASCOT'S PET (Mr. A. B. Coyle)..Fordred 4 10 12
CARANTUOHIL (Mr. F. Burke) ...Dawson a 10 12
KILMORAL (Mrs. Croft) ...Usher a 10 9
COO COO (Mr. A. Lowry) ...Coombs 5 10 9
MARCHAWAY (Mr. J. Fullam) ...Arnott 4 10 7
CARRY MORE (Mr. P. Berney) ...Owner a 10 7
STEADY SCOTCH (Mr. D. Cogan)..Staunton a 10 5
BLACK LASS (Mr. J. T. O'Ryan)..Parkinson 5 10 5
AQUADULCIS (Mr. John Doyle) ...Owner 4 10 4
ROCHFORD (Mr. H. M. Hartigan)..Owner 6 10 4
LITTLE NELL (Mr. P. J. Lenehan)..Owner 4 10 3
HOMELAND (Mrs. D. Moloney) ...Moloney 6 10 2
NOVELTY (Mr. Jas. N. Whelan) ...Owner 4 10 2
ROYDON LADDIE (Mr. J. Nugent)..Nugent 4 10 0
FIRST CONSUL (Mr. T. Singleton)..Brooks 3 10 0
THE PERISHER (Major J. Roche-Kelly) Cleary a 10 0
GENERIO (Mr. E. Delany) ...Owner a 10 0
GLENMORE (Mr. Jos. Flood) ...Fetherston 4 9 10
MAGNET'S PET (Mr. J. Banahan)..Owner 4 9 7
BUCKLEY'S HOPE (Mr. C. Prendergast) Owner 5 9 7
GRECIAN MUSIC (Mr. E. P. Gleeson) Owner 4 9 7
ROYAL STUART (Mr. A. B. Coyle)..Fordred 3 9 7

2.15—THE NEWTOWN HURDLE PLATE of 200 sovs., of which the second receives 20 sovs. and the third 10 sovs. A handicap. 1¾ m. Age. st. lb.

BOLSHEVIST (Mrs. Croft) ...Usher a 12 6
MR. PORTA (Mr. Jas. Morrison) J. B. Morrison 5 12 2
KANOWNA (Lord Lascelles) ...Arnott a 12 0
MOOR HAVEN (Lt.-Col. O'Malley-Keyes) Parkinson 4 12 0
RED HUSSAR (Mr. Jos. Whelan) ...Owner 6 11 5
PETIT BEAU (Capt. Maher) ...Dawson a 11 1
DOUBLE FIRST (Mr. P. Rogers) ...Arnott 4 11 0
POIRET (Mr. W. H. Dixon) ...H. Hartigan 5 11 0
CARRYMORE (Mr. J. P. Tuaffe) ...Banahan a 10 13
DESMOND DALE (Mr. E. Bellaney) Parkinson 4 10 12
EXPLANATION (Mr. M. Curren) Cunningham 5 10 10
HOLY FOOKS (Mr. F. Burke) ...Dawson a 10 9
GRAYSTOWN (Mr. R. J. Duggan) ...Usher a 10 8
SAXHAM (Mr. I. Ussher) ...Owner 6 10 8
EAGERLOON (Mr. John Ryan) ...Doyle a 10 8
THE TATLER (Mr. F. B. O'Toole)..Dawson 6 10 3
ITALIAN SUMMER (Mr. John Magee) C. Brabazon 6 10 3
HUNTING HALL (Mr. T. J. Vaughan) Collins a 10 3
ELLEN'S DOTE (Mr. W. Duffy) ...Delany a 10 2
CURRAGH BREEZE (Mr. Jos. Whelan) Owner a 10 2
DULCIE BRIDGE (Mr. H. I. Ussher) Owner 4 10 2
WORLD PEACE (Mr. Jas. Fitzpatrick) Perry 4 10 2
NO WORRY (Mr. C. Blackmore) ...Kirwan a 10 0
DERRYBOY II. (late Derryboy) (Mr. Jas. Morrison) J. B. Morrison a 10 0
COURT PICTURE (Mr. M. C. Collins) Owner 6 10 0

2.45—THE TOWER STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. A handicap. 2 m. 175 yds. Age. st. lb.

GOLDEN REBEL (Mrs. Croft) ...Usher 6 12 7
MOUNT PROSPECT (Mrs. T. O'K. White) Dawson a 11 12
SCOTCH BEN (Mr. H. N. Magill)...Gilbert a 11 10
KANOWNA (Lord Lascelles) ...Arnott a 11 7
SILVERMORE (Mr. M. N. Conway)...Dawson 6 11 5
COLESTOWN (Mr. P. J. Leonard)...Walker a 11 2
BALLINACURRA BOY (Mr. W. J. Madden) Moloney a 10 12
RUDDY GLOW (Mr. W. F. Sankey)...Hanly 5 10 12
CURRAGH BREEZE (Mr. Jos. Whelan) Owner a 10 11
GRIS DE LIN (Mr. M. Arnott) ...Owner a 10 7
TULLY (Mr. R. Power) ...Usher a 10 2
SHAUN ABOO (Mr. J. J. Parkinson)..Owner a 10 0
MIRATHORN (Mrs. A. E. O'Reilly) Fetherston a 9 12
POLLYBY (Mr. J. J. Parkinson)...Owner 6 9 10
GRAYSLAND (Mr. C. Prendergast)...Owner 4 9 7
WHITE EYES (Mr. F. Pope) ...Cleary 5 9 7
SERPOLETTE (Mr. E. Delany) ...Owner a 9 7
MUNSTER MARINE (Mrs. D. Moloney) Moloney 6 9 7

3.15—THE ST. STEPHEN'S STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs., of which the second receives 10 sovs. and the third 5 sovs. 3 m. 100 yds.

MISFIRE (Mr. H. M. Ryan) ...J. Ryan a 12 5
MILINA (Col. Croft) ...Usher 6 12 3
MAX (Mrs. Croft) ...Usher a 11 9
RUDDY GLOW (Mr. W. F. Sankey)...Hanly 5 11 5
BLUE FISH (Mr. P. Rogers) ...F. Rogers 5 10 9
SOLDIER'S JOY (Mr. P. Rogers)..F. Rogers 5 10 9
NOGGIN (Mr. F. H. Brooke) ...Arnott 5 10 9
THIRTY-BOB (Mr. T. Singleton) ...Brooks 5 10 9
PARKANESKA (Mr. S. H. Dennis) ...Owner 4 10 3
ALICE WHITETHORN (Mr. J. W. Osborne) Byrne 4 10 3

ORDER OF RUNNING FOR THURSDAY.

Three-Year-Old Plate	1 15	Bray Plate	2 45
Stillorgan Plate	1 45	Corinthian Plate	3 15
Foxrock Plate	2 15		

LIMERICK PROGRAMME.

1.15—THE GREENPARK PLATE of 50 sovs., of which the second receives 5 sovs. A hurdle race to maidens. 1½ m. Age. st. lb.

REFORMATION (Mr. R. O. Ross) ...Moss 5 12 9
FLOWER VALE (Mr. D. Foley) ...Moloney a 12 7
CARRIG LONG (Mr. D. J. Power) H. Harty 4 12 2
PATSEY (Mr. J. Nugent) ...Rankin 4 12 1
CILL-MUIRE (Mr. T. Nunan) ...Owner 6 12 0
GUTTER SNIPE (Mr. J. M. C. Bartholomew) Owner 4 10 12
SALLY GLASS (Mr. M. C. Collins) ...Owner 5 10 12
VERY HARD (Mr. T. O'Sullivan) ...Moloney 4 10 12
GRECIAN MUSIC (Mr. E. P. Gleeson) Owner 4 10 12
NOVELTY (Mr. Jas. N. Whelan) ...Owner 4 10 12
MADAIR (Mr. H. Stockman) ...McKenna 4 10 12
WINSTEAD (Mr. G. Ellard) ...Owner a 10 12
DOGSTOWN (Mrs. P. H. Madden) ...Moss 6 10 12
BLANK CARTRIDGE (Mr. Jos. Nolan) Moss 6 10 12
MOOR MAIDEN (Mr. M. L. Philpot)..Moss 4 10 12
COOL WARRIOR (Mr. T. O'Keeffe) ...Collins 3 10 10
GLEN DESSARY (Mr. S. Adams)..McKenna 3 10 0
PRECEPT (Mr. M. J. Hogan) ...Collins 3 10 0
DOCTOR GRAY (Mr. M. Irwin) ...Collins 3 10 0

1.45—THE CHRISTMAS PLATE of 50 sovs., of which the second will receive 5 sovs. A handicap steeplechase. 2 m. Age. st. lb.

GLENBEAGH (Mr. J. Meade) ...Moloney 6 12 7
JOE MACK (Mr. B. Kirby) ...Owner a 12 4
BALLINACURRA BOY (Mr. W. J. Madden) Moloney a 12 0
WOO WROOP (Mr. D. P. O'Brien) ...Owner a 11 7
ATHLUNKARD (Capt. W. Molony) ...Owner a 11 7
PILLOW SLIP (Mr. T. Singleton) ...Brooks a 11 0
POLLYBY (Mr. J. J. Parkinson) ...Owner 5 10 9
WINDFIELD (Mrs. H. Harty) ...H. Harty a 10 9
NEVER MIND (Mr. T. Sheehan) H. Harty a 10 9
ASHFIELD (Mr. John O'Sullivan)...Moloney 6 10 7
LOMOND LAD (Capt. C. B. Harty) M. Harty a 10 4
MERRYHEART (Capt. J. C. R. Delmege) Stark 6 10 1

2.15—THE HOLIDAY PLATE of 50 sovs., of which the second receives 5 sovs. A handicap hurdle race. 1½ m. Age. st. lb.

BATHCOOLE (Mr. G. Quain) ...H. Harty 6 12 7
KNOCK BRACK (Mr. N. J. Grene) ...Moss 5 12 2
HUNTING HALL (Mr. T. J. Vaughan) Collins a 11 7
EMPRESS FOREST (Mrs. M. Callaghan) Collins 6 11 5
COURT PICTURE (Mr. M. C. Collins) Owner 6 11 2
QUEEN OF GYPSIES (Mr. P. F. Adams) Sikes a 11 0
FORT ELIZA (Mr. G. A. O'Grady) M. Harty 6 10 0
WINBORNE (Mr. M. M'Grath) ...Moloney a 10 0
TAGUEL (Mr. Jas. Whelan) ...Owner a 10 0
LITTLE COURIER (Capt. J. C. Delmege) Stark 6 10 10
RATHBAR (Mr. G. Quain) ...H. Harty a 10 8
IRONMASTER (Mrs. D. Moloney) Moloney a 10 5
GIOLLA DEACAIR (Mrs. W. White) Gleeson 6 10 4
MISS HERMES (Mr. M. Fogarty) ...Owner 6 10 3
HOMELAND (Mrs. D. Moloney) ...Moloney 6 10 3
NEVER MIND (Mr. T. Sheehan) H. Harty a 10 3
ALL ALIKE (Mr. W. Murphy) ...Owner 5 10 0
DRIFTING PRINCE (Mr. Jas. Whelan) Owner 5 9 12
MY JOSEPHINE (Mr. G. Ellard) ...Owner 4 9 12
MISS MORELLA (Mr. D. P. O'Brien) Owner 5 9 10
LOMOND LAD (Capt. C. B. Harty) M. Harty a 9 10
NABACLEIS (Mr. T. Nunan) ...Owner 4 9 9
THADY (Mr. M. Lyons) ...Owner a 9 9

2.45—THE ST. STEPHEN'S DAY PLATE of 50 sovs., of which the second receives 5 sovs. A steeplechase. 2½ m. Age. st. lb.

BROWN IVY (Capt. J. F. O'Grady) ..Owner 5 12 2
GIOLLA DEACAIR (Mrs. W. White) Gleeson 6 11 7
WINDFIELD (Mrs. H. Harty) ...H. Harty a 11 0
MAIDSTOWN (Mr. N. Connolly) ...Owner 6 10 7
POLAND YET (Mr. G. Ellard) ...Owner 5 10 7
STEEL MAN (Mr. T. Keays) ...Owner 5 10 7
GRACE MARY (Mr. T. Lynch)..C. Brabazon 6 10 7
FLYING MAGIC (Mr. M. Mitchell)..Owner 6 10 7
ORANGE BATTLE (Mr. D. O'Connell) Owner 6 10 7
PRINCE HERMIAN (Mr. J. C. Ryan) Owner a 10 7

3.15—THE DIRECTORS' PLATE of 50 sovs., of which the second will receive 3 sovs. A handicap steeplechase. 3 m. Age. st. lb.

JOE MACK (Mr. B. Kirby) ...Owner a 12 7
MASK-ON (Mr. T. A. O'Gorman) C. Brabazon a 12 5
POLISH PRINCE (Mrs. D. Moloney) Moloney a 11 12
BROWN IVY (Capt. J. F. O'Grady) Owner 5 10 6
MAIDSTOWN (Mr. N. Connolly) ...Owner a 10 6
TAGUEL (Mr. Jas. Whelan) ...Owner a 10 0
MERRIONSTADT (Capt. W. Molony) Owner a 9 10
ANNAGH (Mr. D. P. O'Brien) ...Owner a 9 10

BETTING FORECAST.

KEMPTON ON WEDNESDAY.

12.30 Race—5 to 4 agst. North Waltham, 5 to 2 Arduous, 9 to 2 Charlie Wise, 6 to 1 The Bleeka, 7 to 1 Sprig, 8 to 1 Head Master, 10 to 1 each Couch O'Leary and Bright Prospect, 100 to 8 any other.

1.0 Race—7 to 4 agst. Sundrop, 3 to 1 Achilleion, 9 to 2 Royal Sport, 11 to 2 Young Heroine, 7 to 1 Spicey, 8 to 1 Moseley, 10 to 1 each Our Philip and Lake Superior, 100 to 8 any other.

1.30 Race—6 to 4 agst. Hawker, 5 to 2 Blazing Corn, 4 to 1 Sir Huon, 5 to 1 Libretto, 7 to 1 Gem, 8 to 1 Devonport, 10 to 1 any other.

2.0 Race—5 to 2 agst Ranter, 7 to 2 Yorick, 6 to 1 Dutch Toy, 7 to 1 each Scottish Knight and Meleacate, 8 to 1 each Sun Chap and Shotmaker, 10 to 1 each Nonentity and Piccolisko, 100 to 8 any other.

2.30 Race—5 to 4 agst. Flaming Sword, 11 to 4 Cavalier, 4 to 1 Tomahawk, 5 to 1 Sancroft, 6 to 1 Boddam, 7 to 1 Brownstown, 8 to 1 Lord Thanet, 10 to 1 any other.

3.0—9 to 4 agst. Lovely Bird, 3 to 1 Broadway, 7 to 2 Ammonal, 5 to 1 Henry B., 7 to 1 What Luck, 8 to 1 Carrolstown, 10 to 1 Ormskirk, 100 to 8 any other.

3.30 Race—6 to 4 agst. Perahara, 3 to 1 Harrovian, 5 to 1 Tara Hill, 6 to 1 Battle Cruiser, 7 to 1 Tibet, 8 to 1 each Imperial and Agincourt, 100 to 8 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

KEMPTON PARK.

12.30—North Waltham.
1. 0—Sundrop.
1.30—Blazing Corn.
2. 0—Dutch Toy.
2.30—Flaming Sword.
3. 0—Lovely Bird.
3.30—Perahara.

Double—Blazing Corn (nap) and Flaming Sword.

A Student of Form

LINGFIELD MEETING ABANDONED.

Snow continued to fall after the conclusion of racing on Friday in the Lingfield district, and, with quite two inches of it covering the course on Saturday morning, the Executive realised racing would not be possible and, with the permission of the Stewards, abandoned the second day's programme.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Cavalry Trot, Ethel May, Epsom Girl, and Posados have left Goby's stable at Epsom for shipment to Sweden.

The Societe Sportive (France) took more than 25 million francs this year, of which 14 millions were derived from the pari-mutuel and 8 millions from gate-money.

In connection with the Baldoyle New Year Meeting, patrons of "The Ring" will, no doubt, be glad to learn that tickets for the Public Stand can be procured in the motor enclosure, as this arrangement will obviate the necessity of vehicles stopping at the turnstile entrance to set down passengers.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Greenham Plate, Newbury; Atalanta Stakes, Sandown Park; Oakes Stakes, Epsom; Yorkshire Oaks, York; Nassau Stakes, Goodwood; and Sandringham Plate, Sandown Park, 1924—Strange Star.

Chorleton Handicap, Manchester—Clincher.

Doncaster Autumn Foal Stakes—Stoneford filly.

St. Leonard's Handicap—Saintly Maid.

Castle Selling Handicap, Manchester—Rock Drill.

Lingfield Park engagements—Glen Eagle, Providence and First Magic.

Newbury engagements—Louveteau, Clincher, Squire Erleigh, Morning Star.

All engagements under N.H. Rules—Stratford.

All engagements — Blue Streak (dead), Rock Cherry, Petrea, Merry Mira, Attempt, Bold and Bad.

All published Handicaps—Silvanus.

All engagements in Lord Derby's name—Precious, Pilgrim's Parole, Stanislaus, Ladies' Laces, Mitraeleuse.

All engagements in Mr. J. P. Hornung's name—Waterbuck.

All engagements in Sir R. W. B. Jardine's name—Piccadilly, Sure Cure, Princess Sonia filly (2 yrs.).

All engagements in Mr. J. P. Putnam's name—Little Gem Rose.

LEOPARDSTOWN DECEMBER MEETING, 1923.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th AND 27th.

FIRST RACE EACH DAY 1.15 p.m.

A train, with reserved carriages for Members, leaves Harcourt street Station at 12.30 p.m. each day.

Carriages for Members will also be reserved on the Special Train leaving Foxrock at 3.35 p.m. each day after racing is over. Members will only be admitted to reserved carriages on production of their badges.

On the introduction of a Member, tickets admitting to the Members' Enclosure, can be obtained at the Members' Ticket Office on the Course: Gentlemen 2 gns., Ladies 5/6 per day.

Combined Tickets for Course and Enclosures (except Club Enclosure) can be obtained at the Booking Offices at Harcourt street Station on the days of racing.—(Advt.)

KEMPTON PARK—WEDNESDAY.

SELECTIONS.

That Bank Holiday-makers who intend to go racing on Wednesday will be enabled to enjoy the sport in comfort we sincerely hope, but promising as the present outlook, so far as the Kempton Park fixture is concerned, one cannot feel sanguine after Lingfield experiences last week. The Sunbury officials have published an excellent programme which will not attract fields of bewildering size, although the three-year-old races, also the Hounslow Hurdle Race, will be well contested events, of which no fewer than seven make up an attractive card. The chief items—viz., the Oatlands Steeplechase and the Christmas Hurdle Handicap—fared indifferently both at the entry and the acceptance stage, and in neither case will the opposition exceed about eight, but the fact will not be displeasing to public backers. In the Oatlands Steeplechase Gore's best, possibly the penalised Sir Huon, Hawker, Blazing Corn, and Libretto may attract the most supporters; but beyond Cavalier and Flaming Sword it may not be necessary to search for the winner of the Christmas Handicap, although Tomahawk is rather partial to this track. Selections are appended:—

Kenton Steeplechase—**North Waltham.**
Kew Three-Year-Old Hurdle—**Sundrop.**
Oatlands Steeplechase—**Blazing Corn.**
Hounslow Hurdle—**Ranther.**
Christmas Handicap—**Flaming Sword.**
Hampton Steeplechase—**Broadway.**
Fulwell Three-Year-Old Hurdle — **Noce D'Argent or Perahara.**

12.30—KENTON 'CHASE of £200. 2 m.

111 ARDUOUS (Capt. Norrie) ...Bennett 6 12 2
142 THE BLEEKA (Mr. McKevitt)...Poole 6 12 2
400 SHOOTING STAR (Mr. Stratton) Stratton 8 11 9
112 NORTH WALTHAM (Mr. J. White) Whitaker 6 11 9
0 CYLVIDA (Mr. Falcon) ...Earl 6 11 9
300 BROGHILL (Mrs. Kershaw)..Anthony 10 11 9
000 KILVEMNON (Ld. Merthyr)...Powell 8 11 9
040 SPRIG (Mrs. Partridge) ...T. Leader 6 11 9
000 CHARLIE WISE (Mr. O. Rayner) Hastings 6 11 9
002 HEAD MASTER (Mr. Blenkiron) W. Nightingall 5 11 5
000 FITZPICTON (Mr. Goby) ...Goby 5 11 5
000 BALLYMENOCH (Maj. D. Dixon) Gore 4 10 10
10 COUCH O' LEARY (Mr. Dollar) W. Payne 4 10 10
IRELAND'S HOPE (Mr. Downes) Downes 4 10 10
WAKE UP (Ld. Glanely) ...S. Bennet 4 10 10
00 BEAHILLS (Mr. H. Hartigan) F. Hartigan 4 10 10
034 BRIGHT PROSPECT (Mr. Lines) Lines 4 10 10
000 VOCALION (Mrs. Norman)...Kemp 4 10 10
000 RIGHLINA (Mr. H. Stokes)...Smyth 4 10 10
200 CANOPUS (Mrs. Baker ...Martin 4 10 10

1.0—KEW THREE-YEAR-OLD (S.) HURDLE of £200. 1½ m.

000 COLCANNON (Mr. W. Allden) ...Allden 10 12
SCOTTISH ELEGANCE (Mr. Barlow) Riste 10 12
000 DASH O' WHITE (Mr. Frame)...Killalee 10 12
331 SUNDROP (Mr. Matthey) ...Poole 10 12
430 MOSELEY (Mr. F. Phillips) ...Anthony 10 12
203 SPICEY (Mr. Pickering) ...Pickering 10 12
00 THE BOATSWAIN (Mr. J. Reardon) J. Reardon 10 12
430 YOUNG HEROINE (Mr. E. Stanley) Hastings 10 12
000 PLUS FOURS (Mr. R. Thorburn)...Spittle 10 12
GAY COSTER (Capt. Wilson) J. Renwick 10 12
000 KILWORTH (Capt. P. Barnett) ...Barnett 10 5
040 ORANGE RIVER (Mr. Barton)..W. Payne 10 5
POMP (Mrs. Bennett) ...Bennett 10 5
00 FLIGHTY (Mrs. Bennett) ...Bennett 10 5
402 ROYAL SPORT (Mr. Bennett) ...Bennett 10 5
043 MEBOS (Mr. R. Brendon) ...Bennett 10 5
00 CHEAP TALK (Mr. J. Brown)...Martin 10 5
00 THATCHING GRASS (Mr. Gregson) C. Young 10 5
000 STONE AXE (Mrs. Gregson)...C. Young 10 5
0 ARIANE (Mr. Hands) ...Batho 10 5
00 THE GRIPPER (Mr. F. Hartigan) F. Hartigan 10 5
031 ACHILLEION (Mr. Hilditch) ...Spittle 10 5
000 OUR PHILLIP (Mr. Humphreys)..Smyth 10 5
232 PETER PAX (Mr. Humphreys)...Smyth 10 5
00 PRINCE SADIM (Mr. T. Leader) T. Leader 10 5
00 LAKE SUPERIOR (Mr. Lines) ...Lines 10 5
CROSSJACK (Mr. Rich) ...Martin 10 5
GNIOCCHI (Mrs. Stevens) ...Stevens 10 5
0 MONTAGUE (Mr. Stratton) ...Stratton 10 5
00 MARLIN (Mr. Wootton) ...Wootton 10 5

1.30—OATLANDS HANDICAP 'CHASE of £350. 3 m.

121 HAWKER (Mr. T. Bennett) ...Wootton 5 12 7
131 SIR HUON (10lb. ex.) (Ld. Woolavington) Gore 9 12 3
012 BLAZING CORN (Mr. Kershaw) Anthony 9 11 12
0 TOM CROW (Ld. Queenborough) ..Gore 6 11 8
131 RATTLE SNAKE (Mr. Gilpin) Hastings 5 11 8
000 WHITE RONALD (Mr. B. McAlpine) Poole 9 11 0
110 GEM (Mrs. Bennett) ...Bennett 7 10 12
313 DEVONPORT (7lb. ex.) (Mr. Pole) F. Hartigan 8 10 10
002 LIBRETTO (Mr. Whitaker) ...Whitaker 8 10 7
004 VICTOR NOIR (Mrs. G. Morris) Smyth 6 10 5
100 ROYAL CHANCELLOR (Ld. Westmorland) Westmorland 8 10 2

2.0—HOUNSLOW (S.) HANDICAP HURDLE of £200. 2 m.

000 SANS DOUTE (Mr. Saunders) Clement 5 12 7
2 SHOTMAKER (Ld. Queenborough) Gore 10 12 6
GRENOBLE (Mr. Darrell) ...Larkin 4 12 3
120 PICCOLISKO (Mr. Ioannou) W. Nightingall 6 11 10
004 SCOTTISH KNIGHT (Mrs. Brock) Bennett 7 11 8
20 GO ON (Mr. Tagg) ...Tagg 9 11 7
300 PROLIFIC (Mr. T. Hartigan)...Kemp 7 11 7
141 TOWER HILL (7lb. ex.) (Mr. Waller) Smyth 5 11 5
100 Z.Z. (Mr. E. Piggott) ...Piggott 8 11 4
300 NONENTITY (Mr. Edge) ...Poole 6 11 4
00 TIERMOURNE (Mr. Pilcher)...Killalee 5 11 4
001 PANTHIAS (Mr. R. Brendon)...Private 7 11 4
110 KIGN'S DOUBLE (Maj. Turnbull) Pope 4 11 3
220 TOPICAL CHARLIE (Mr. Hay) Goby 8 11 2
120 FINANCIER (Mr. Larkin) ...Larkin 6 11 0
010 CAMARALZAMAN (Mrs. Haines) Hyams 6 11 0
000 GONDOLIER (Mr. W. Allden) ...Allden 8 11 0
000 APPELLANT (Mrs. Aldworth) Woodman 8 11 0
000 SIMON'S CRAFT (Mr. Edge)...Poole 7 11 0
0 BACHELOR'S HEATHER (Mr. Bayliss) Earl a 10 13
233 SANDART (Mr. Law) ...Law 5 10 12
000 FELTHAM HILL (Mr. Robb) ...Robb 5 10 12
230 RANTER (Mr. Larkin) ...Larkin 7 10 10
100 KING'S GOVERNOR (Mr. Prince) Hedges 4 10 10
001 PHAROAH (Miss Coulman) ...J. Lyall 4 10 9
000 MORE SANITY (Mr. Bradford) Bradford 5 10 9
00 YORICK (Mr. J. Harris) ...Hyams 5 10 8
00 DEREVARAGH (Mr. Hastings) Hastings 4 10 8
033 DUTCH TOY (Mr. Whiteman) ...Dullea 6 10 7
044 MELEACATE (Mrs. Duckworth) Tabor 5 10 7
00 LAMU (Mr. R. Kemp) ...Kemp 5 10 5
300 CLAYGATE (Mr. T. Elliott) W. Payne 4 10 4
00 MY DAMBLER (Miss Brewer) ...Goby 5 10 4
000 LAEDEN (Ld. Denman) ...Kemp 4 10 4
00 SUN CHAP (Mr. Bankier) ...Hastings 4 10 4

2.30—CHRISTMAS HANDICAP HURDLE of £450. 2 m.

334 CAVALIER (Mr. Kershaw) ...Anthony 9 12 7
202 FLAMING SWORD (Ld. Watts) Poole 5 11 9
033 TOMAHAWK (Mr. Weil) W. Nightingall 5 11 9
113 BODDAM (Mr. Tennant) ...Turner 4 11 3
020 BROWNSTOWN (Mr. Burnley) Kemp 4 11 3
100 SANCROFT (Mr. J. Thomson) F. Brown 4 11 3
00 BELGIAN BOY (Mr. T. Richards) G. Sadler 4 11 0
402 MAIN ROYAL (Mrs. E. Clark) ...Hart 8 10 2
042 TROIKA (Mrs. Stevens) ...Stevens 4 10 2
102 LORD THANET (Sir J. Ingram) Ramshaw 6 10 0

3.0—HAMPTON HANDICAP 'CHASE of £200. 2 m.

131 SIR HUON (7lb. ex.) (Ld. Woolavington) Gore 9 12 13
011 HENRY B (Sir A. Bowen) ...Poole 7 12 3
00 NEIL BOY (Mr. Gant) ...Tabor 6 12 0
022 AMMONAL (Mr. J. Wood) ...J. Wood 6 12 0
000 WHITE RONALD (Mr. B. McAlpine) Poole 9 11 11
233 SNAE FELL (Mr. Wilmot) ...Poole 9 11 11
CAVALRY TROT (Capt. Davey)..Goby 6 11 6
401 FIBBER (Mr. Clancy) ...Clancy 7 11 5
224 WHAT LUCK (Mr. Hyams) ...Hyams 6 11 4
003 LOVELY BIRD (Mr. Knight)..Killalee 6 11 3
302 CARROLSTOWN (Mrs. McDonnell) Bennett 7 11 3
223 BROADWAY (Mr. H. Green) ...McKie 8 11 3
100 ROYAL CHANCELLOR (Ld. Westmorland) ...Westmorland 8 11 1
000 RIFLEMAN (Lt.-Col. Douglas-Pennant) W. Payne 5 10 10
000 HOLIDAY HALL (Maj. Lyons) Hastings 4 10 7
000 HONEY COTT (Mr. Anson) W. Nightingall 5 10 6
024 ORMSKIRK (Mr. Frankland)...Law 7 10 5
100 DUTCH DOLL (Mrs. Bird)...Private 5 10 0

3.30 — FULWELL THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE of £200. 1½ m.

021 HARROVIAN (Mr. W. Nightingall) W. Nightingall 11 1
SCOTTISH ELEGANCE (Mr. Barlow) Riste 10 5
BROWN POM (Mrs. Bennett) ...Bennett 10 5
OLD NIC (Sir H. Bird) ...Hammond 10 5
SKIAS (Mr. Clement) ...Clement 10 5
NOCE D'ARGENT (Mr. S. Cohen) Wootton 10 5
02 PERAHARA (Mr. Collins) ...Bennett 10 5
000 BALSCELL (Miss Coulman) ...J. Lyall 10 5
0 WHIPPING-BOY (Mr. Cummins) Woodman 10 5
0 KING OF CLUBS (Mr. T. Davidson) Hastings 10 5
IRISH WAYS (Mr. Frame) ...Killalee 10 5
022 BATTLE CRUISER (Sir W. de Frece) Pope 10 5
00 IMPERIAL (Mr. Gant) ...Tabor 10 5
00 MAINGAFF (Mr. Goldwater) ...Hammond 10 6
SKYFLIER (Mr. Hare) ...Hare 10 6
34 TARA HILL (Mr. H. Hartigan) F. Hartigan 10 5
ALL AWAY (Mrs. Howson) W. Nightingall 10 5
000 OUR PHILLIP (Mr. Humphreys)..Smyth 10 5
00 BRIDGE OF DUN (Mr. Jeffrey)...Earl 10 5
0 SCHOOLGATE (Mr. Lines) ...Lines 10 5
ATHENA (Sir M. McAlpine) ...Poole 10 5
00 GOLD WILLOW (Mr. Miller) ...Earl 10 5
3 HUNGARIAN (Maj. Mundy) ...Whitaker 10 5
043 TIBET (Mr. Nelke) ...Gore 10 5
000 PRESTER JILL (Mr. Robb) ...Robb 10 5
020 AGINCOURT (Mr. J. Thompson) T. Brown 10 5
BRIGHT COMET (Mr. Wallis) ...Private 10 5
00 LAVERSTOKE (Mr. Wells) ...Private 10 5
HOMEOPATHY (Mr. Wilmot) ...Poole 10 5

The following horses are under orders for Kempton Park:—Lord Thanet, Battle Cruiser, Dutch Toy, What Luck, Boatswain, Cavalier, Blazing Corn, Moseley, Peter Pax, Our Philip, Victor Noir, Righlina, Headmaster, Piccolisko, Tomahawk, Harrovian, Neil Boy, Meleagate, Imperial, Sir Huon, Tibet, Ballymenoch, Sancroft, Balscell, King's Governor.

WOLVERHAMPTON—WEDNESDAY.

SELECTIONS.

An excellent programme has been arrranged for Midland racegoers at Dunstall Park, and, although the entries are not up to a high standard, the sport should be interesting throughout. Runners, it is expected, will be numerous, eighty horse boxes having already been ordered. The Hednesford trainer, T. Coulthwaite, has fifteen horses entered at the meeting, and it is expected that he will play a big part in the two days' proceedings. It is a singular fact that the most important event on Wednesday, the Christmas Cup, a handicap steeplechase of 500 sovs., has dwindled down from eighteen entries to seven acceptances, while in the Boxing Day Selling Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs. there are thirty names left in. The Christmas Cup acceptances include Hairpin II. with a stopper of 12st. 7lb., Phaco, a recent mount of the Prince of Wales, Super Man, and Glengarry II., and if these four run it should be a fine race between Phaco, Hairpin II., and Glengarry II. Merrily, a winner over the course, should win the Ruckley Handicap Hurdle Race, with Westview the danger. Selections:

Shifnal Selling Steeplechase—**Golden Fleece or Ben Beech.**
Boxing Day Selling Handicap Hurdle—**Chuck a Penny.**
Wyfold Hurdle—**Manister Star.**
Christmas Cup—**Glengarry II.**
Ruckley Hurdle—**Merrily.**
Penkridge Steeplechase—**The Heir.**

12.50—SHIFNAL (S.) 'CHASE of £150. 2 m.

510 FLYING WINKFIELD (Mr. Burroughs) Burroughs 10 11 1
220 ARTISTRY (Mr. Patrick) ...Bedford 9 11 1
000 DIBBINSDALE (Mr. Tabor) ...Tabor 7 11 1
210 RED STAR IV. (Maj. Power) Coulthwaite 10 11 1
030 PASTURES NEW (Mr. Thelwell) Roberts 13 11 1
003 SOUTHERN JOY (Mr. Tonge) S. Bennet 9 11 1
OASTLERING (Mr. Fox) ...Bullock a 11 1
102 GOLDEN FLEECE (Mr. W. Parrish) H. Harrison 12 11 1
000 DUNADRY (Mrs. Blain) ...Spittle 10 10 11
020 INGOE (Mr. H. Brown) ...H. Brown 7 10 11
400 SHREWSBURY (Mr. Kenyon) J. Dodd 8 10 11
302 WAVE FOR'ARD (Mr. Kenyon) J. Dodd 11 10 11
302 BEDFORD ROW (Mr. Rimell) ...Newey 13 10 11
0 BEDGOLD (Mr. Royle) ...Private 8 10 11
1 GONE WILD (Mr. Tanner)...Private 7 10 11
114 BEN BEOCH (Mr. Russell)...Sheddan a 10 11
130 TURNING POINT (Mr. Savill) ...Savill 7 10 11

1.20—BOXING DAY (S.) HANDICAP HDLE. of £100. 2 m.

313 BOMBPROOF (Mr. Bruston) C. Piggott 7 12 7
213 TURBIT (Maj. Pigot-Moodie) F. Brown 8 12 6
100 JACK ROLE (Mr. Goding) ...Gilbert 8 12 5
420 DUG MAJOR (Mr. T. Richardson) Bullock 8 12 4
442 FRIAR DENIS (Mr. Barton) W. Payne 7 12 1
000 CALL THE GAME (Mr. Bruston) Barthropp 6 12 1
000 REGIOLES (Mr. Parry) ...Bullock 8 12 1
000 GENERAL (Mr. Lea) ...Lea 7 12 0
200 BLACKING (Mr. E. Clark) ...Savill 6 12 0
300 KILNFORD (Capt. Forestier-Walker) Newey 11 12 0
030 SILENT SANDS (Mr. Sandey) Sandey 9 11 12
000 FOOL PROOF (Mr. Kenyon) ...J. Dodd 9 11 12
000 CHAT CHAT (Mr. Rooney) ...Rooney 6 11 10
021 VISHNU (5lb. ex.) (Mr. O. Bentley) Barthropp 4 11 10
024 HOPEFUL II. (Maj. Pigot-Moodie) F. Brown 8 11 9
000 DOCTOR'S CALL (Mr. D. Power) Luby 5 11 8
104 CROISSANT D'OR (Mr. Wint) ...Wint 5 11 7
0 EDNA'S CHOICE (Miss Wharton) Bedford 4 11 7
20 CASTALIAN (Mr. Boam) ...Hyams 4 11 7
000 ACE OF DIAMONDS (Mr. Giannelli) Shedden 4 11 6
000 DORRIDGE (Mr. Cox) ...Private 7 11 5
300 FORTUNE (Mr. Cope) ...Newey 5 11 4
300 BRENDAN BOLD (Mr. Rowe) Barthropp 4 11 2
203 CHUCK A PENNY (Mr. Kimberley) Rooney 6 10 12
000 BALLYHANDY (Miss H. Smith) Hogan 11 10 11
000 RUSHER (Capt. B. Brady) ...Private 7 10 8
004 UBEOFF (Mr. Chamberlain) Chamberlain 10 10 8
000 JACK SHEPPARD (Mr. Marriott) Private 7 10 5
0 THE SQUIRE (Mr. R. Williams) Hare 10 10 4
00 KEYHAM (Mrs. Cooper) ...Cooper 7 10 2
000 HONEST JOHN (Mr. Bruston) C. Piggott 8 10 0
000 COCK EYE (Mr. Warner) ...Burroughs 3 10 0

1.50—WYFOLD HURDLE of £200. 2 m.

LOW TIDE (Mr. Bownass) .Coulthwaite 5 12 0
BLACK MINER (Mr. Kenyon) .J. Dodd 5 12 0
200 TORLIGNE (Mrs. M. Douglas) Douglas 5 11 10
FLYING HERO (Mrs. F. Brown) F. Brown 5 11 10
0 DRUMVANEY (Mr. Laidlaw) Coulthwaite a 11 10
LOCH FYNE (Mr. Kenyon) ...J. Dodd 5 11 9
303 LENGLEN (Mr. Adams) ...Newey 4 11 9
0 DOUBLER (Mr. T. Bolton) ...Shedden 4 11 9
WERWOLF (Sir R. Jardine) Coulthwaite 4 11 9
20 GOLDEN DUKE (Mr. T. Richardson) Bullock 4 11 9
40 HAPPY RELEASE (Mr. Settle)..Davis 4 11 9
SETANTA (Mr. T. Davidson)..Hastings 4 11 9
0 GERALD JUNIOR (Mr. H. Harrison) H. Harrison 4 11 5
400 IRISH COUSIN (Mr. Mackley) H. Hunt 4 11 5
0 ROCK ARROW (Sir F. Price)..Gilbert 4 11 5
02 GUIDANCE (Mr. O. Rayner) ...East 4 11 5
0 MONTAGUE (Mr. Stratton) ...Stratton 3 10 0
300 COUNT VOLTA (Mr. Bolton)..F. Lyall 3 10 0
0 VAMBRACE (Mr. Green) ...C. Piggott 3 10 0
000 JUMP FOR JOY (Mr. H. Brown) H. Brown 3 10 0
000 MANISTER STAR (Mr. R. Brown) Hogan 3 10 0
000 BARBARUS (Mr. Burroughs) Burroughs 3 10 0

2.20—CHRISTMAS CUP. Handicap 'Chase of £500. 2 m.

110 HAIRPIN II. (Mr. Sanday) ...Sanday 9 12 7
104 CLONREE (Mrs. Blain) ...Spittle 10 11 11
312 PHACO (Ld. Westmorland) Westmorland 8 11 10
001 GLENGARRY II. (7lb. ex.) (Maj. I. Straker) Coulthwaite 9 11 8
420 SUPER MAN (Mr. Bankier)..Hastings 8 11 7
114 DUDLEY (Ld. Londesborough) H. Brown 9 11 0
412 PREDIAL (Mrs. Weeden) ...Larkin 4 10 7

2.50—RUCKLEY HANDICAP HURDLE of £200. 2 m.

233 WESTVIEW (Mr. Turner) ...Bullock 5 12 7
011 PERISHEEN (Mr. Stokes) ...Smyth 8 12 6
011 QUICK MARCH (Mr. Hache)..Pope 4 12 5
234 DITCHLEY (Mr. F. Brown) F. Brown 4 12 4
100 RAFTER (Mr. Kenyon) ...Davis 4 12 2
110 RED IRON (Mr. Faber) ...Hatt 4 12 0
021 BOLD CHAP (7lb. ex.) (Mr. Holmes) Hogan 6 12 3
100 BEYROB (Mrs. Blain) ...Spittle 7 12 1
100 ENVOY (Mr. H. Hunt) ...H. Brown 6 12 0
123 PRINCE REGENT (Mr. M. Davis) Smyth 5 12 1
422 ATTABOY (Mr. Davison) F. Piggott 4 12 1
000 GLAD JOYCIE (Mr. Bankier) Hastings 6 12 0
300 BATTERY SMOKE (Mr. Bolton) Riste 6 11 13
010 WISE PRINCE (Mr. Kenyon) J. Dodd 5 11 13
242 POLYNIA (Mr. Dennis) Hastings 4 11 13
402 BELMONT (Mr. Somerset) Coulthwaite 5 11 13
0 FETHERNADALE (Mr. Trainor) Wootton 4 11 10
210 WILSON (Mr. Sanday) ...Sanday 7 11 9
000 POLISSON (Mrs. Weedon)...Larkin 5 11 9
014 MERRILY (Mr. H. Harrison) H. Harrison 4 11 9
403 GHENT OF OLD (Brig.-Gen. Peel) Coulthwaite 5 11 8
204 CLARKIA (Mr. Cope) ...Newey 5 11 6
342 POTHEEN (Ld. Londesborough) H. Brown 8 11 4
100 OWEN (Mr. Rhodes) ...Fitton 4 11 3
103 MANISTER BELLE (Mr. Merrell) Merrell 5 11 1
103 TURMERIO (Mr. H. Dennis) D. Harrison 5 11 0
040 WILD PAM (Mr. Coulthwaite) Coulthwaite 10 10 13
000 CORKSCREW (Mr. J. Rogers) D. Rogers 5 10 10
344 ALIADOS (Mr. Marks) ...Gilbert 5 10 7
200 TORLIGNE (Mrs. M. Douglas) Douglas 5 10 8

3.15—PENKRIDGE CHASE of £150. 2 m.

101 HAIRPIN II. (Mr. Sanday) ...Sanday 9 12 0
141 ARDEEN (Sir K. Fraser) ...Private 6 12 0
220 CONJUROR II. (Maj. Dewhurst) Coulthwaite 11 11 10
003 SQUARE DANCE (Mr. J. Thomson) F. Brown 11 11 10
012 TURKEY BUZZARD (Mrs. Hollins) W. Payne 10 11 10
041 A DOUBLE ESCAPE (Mr. Adams) Newey 9 11 8
300 WING COMMANDER (Mr. Major) Pte. 6 11 8
004 NORTHBROOK (Col. Stockey) S. Bennett 8 11 3
231 THE HEIR (Mr. H. Harrison) H. Harrison 9 11 1
020 PIRNWINDER (Mr. S. Harris) S. Bennet 7 10 11
203 HAZEL DAWN (Mrs. Hollins) W. Payne 8 10 11
003 GARRYVOE (Mr. Lemay) ..Hastings 9 10 11
122 MUSIC HALL (Mr. Kershaw) Anthony 10 10 11
040 UPTON LAD (Mr. Paterson) Paterson 8 10 11
200 GAY HAZARD (Mr. Sampey) Chamberlain 9 10 11
000 FLY BOY II. (Mr. Sharp) ...Saxby 8 10 11
002 WILD TIMES (Mr. H. Brown) H. Brown 6 10 4
020 GLORIOSO (Mr. Bolton) ...F. Lyall 8 10 0
232 PETER GINK (Mr. Jaynes) C. Kelly 6 10 0

The following horses are under orders for Wolverhampton:—Fly Boy, Chuck-a-Penny, Dudley, Jump for Joy, Wild Times, Flying Winkfield, Barbarus, Square Dance, Ditchley, Flying Hero, Hairpin, Bibbinsdale, Glengarry, Low Tide, Drumvaney, Potheen, Bomboroof, Young Man's Fancy, The Lout, Red Star, Music Hall.

SWIMMING.

HALF-MOON SWIMMING CLUB.

A full attendance of members is requested Christmas Day at 1 p.m., when the distribution of prizes will take place, as well as the usual swim.

SANDYCOVE S.C.

The annual Christmas race will take place on Tuesday at 12.30 p.m. sharp at "Forty-Foot." Competitors to attend at 12.15. Affiliated club members invited.

TO-MORROW'S EVENTS AT CLONTARF BATHS.

The annual 33 yards' handicap at Clontarf Baths at 12.30 p.m. to-morrow is exciting the usual lively interest; and, given fine weather, the number of competitors and spectators is sure to be of large dimensions. Following the race, the distribution of prizes won during the 1923 season will be made. There will, as usual, be no charge for admission to the Baths, but advantage is being taken of the opportunity to make a collection in aid of a deserving Dublin charity.

SELECTIONS FOR KEMPTON PARK—WEDNESDAY MEETING

PAPER.	12.30 RACE.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Sportsman	Arduous.	Sundrop.*	Blazing Corn.	Dutch Toy.	Cavalier.	Lovely Bird.	Perahara.
Man on the Spot	Arduous.	Peter Pan.	Blazing Corn.	Dutch Toy.	Cavalier.	Ammonal.	Perahara.
Sporting Life	North Waltham.	Sundrop.	Hawker.*	Tower Hill; if ab., Ranter.	Cavalier.	Broadway.	Perahara.
Man on the Spot	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Westminster Gazette	North Waltham.	Achilleion.	Hawker.	Meleagate.	Flaming Sword.	Lovely Bird.	Perahara.
Daily News	North Waltham.	Sundrop.	Hawker.	Yorick.	Flaming Sword.	Broadway.	Perahara.
Daily Chronicle	North Waltham; if ab., Arduous.	Achilleion.*	Libretto; if ab., Blazing Corn.	Meleagate.	Troika.	Ammonal.	Perahara.
Daily Express	N. Waltham; if a Charlie Wise.	Spittle's best; if ab., Mebos.	Libretto (next best).	Nonentity; if ab., Meleagate.	Flaming Sword.*	Carrolstown; if ab., Ammonal.	All Away; if ab., Perahara.
Daily Mirror	North Waltham.	Plus Fours.	Blazing Corn.	Yorick.	Cavalier.	Broadway.	Perahara.
Daily Graphic	North Waltham.	Spittle's best.	Gore's best.	Tower Hill.	Flaming Sword.	What Luck.	Battle Cruiser.
Times	North Waltham.	Sundrop.	Libretto.	Meleagate.	Flaming Sword.	Poole's best.	—
Daily Mail	North Waltham.	Sundrop.	Blazing Corn.	Scottish Knight.	Flaming Sword.	What Luck.	Perahara.

COURSING.

CLONLEIGH MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, 26th DECEMBER.

Judge—Mr. Meehan. Slipper—M. Horan.

THE DRAW.

STRABANE STAKES.—For 15 Puppies—First, £22; second, £10; third and fourth, £3 10/- each.

Mr. F. Kelly's Black Click agst. Mr. J. Gallagher's O. C.
Mr. J. Slevin's Black Chat agst. Mr. J. McLaughlin's Nad Point.
Mr. W. Quienten's Quick Victory agst. Mr. Ashenhurst's Allies Again.
Mr. A. Simpson's Hopeful Joe agst. Mr. Frial's Port Bridge.
Mr. H. Donaghey's The Rotter agst. Mr. S. McCormack's Flaming Forge.
Mr. J. McDermott's Lady Go Easy agst. Messrs. Henderson's and McCloskey's Muriel's Dove.
Mr. J. McDermott's Yankee Jane agst. Mr. R. Simpson's Fair Sheelia.
Mr. B. Griffin's Victorious Dove, a bye.

ALL-AGED STAKE.—For 12 All Ages—First, £22; second, £10; third, £3.

Captain Neill's Erne na Gun agst. Mr. H. Maurice's Idle Fellow.
Mr. J. Stevenson's Steam Packet II. agst. Mr J. Murray's Marching Home.
Mr. J. Stevenson's Steam Drifter agst Mr O Shield's Mill Quarter.
Mr. F. McKenay's Musical Dictator agst. Mr. H O'Donnell's Don Peril.
Mr. L. Nash's Miss McDermott agst. Mr. J. McDermott's Moloy McGuinness.
Mr. N. Gallagher's Grand March agst. Mr. J. McCaw's Wish Beauty III.

MAIDEN STAKE.—For 16 Two-course Maidens—First, £18; second, £8; third and fourth, £2 each.

Messrs. D. and P. McNulty's Not Fair agst. Mr. M. Blackburn's Scholar Jack.
Mr. J. McGonagle's Gay Victory agst. Mr. W. Harte's Active Lad.
Mr. J. McGonagle's Green Banner agst. Mr. R. Simpson's Victorious Again.
Mr. H. Clement's Glowing Star agst. Mr. D. Sweeney's Uncle John III.
Messrs. Henderson's and McCloskey's Mover Up agst. Mr. B. Devine's Free State VI.
Mr. J. Hamilton's Game Hen VII. agst. Mr. B. J. Kelly's Full Drum.
Mr. R. Roy's Hammer Girl agst. Mr. J. Gregg's Girl Guide III.
Mr. P. McCormack's Lady Kaiser, a bye.

DUNDALK AND DOWDALLSHILL MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Judge—Mr. J. Lennon. Slipper—T. M'Kitterick.

THE DRAW.

CHRISTMAS STAKES—For 16 puppies. Winner, £21; second, £10; third and fourth, £2 10/- each.

Miss J. Langan's Leggan Hall agst. Mr. J. J. Waller's Furney Dick.
Mr. J. Trodden's Second Brigade agst. Mr. J. Pepper's Prince Victor.
Messrs. Murray and M'Cabe's Magic Tunt agst. Mr. P. Martin's Our Rocket.
Mr. P. Mackian's Kilcurry Lad agst. Mr. J. M'Guill's Midnight Sniper.
Mr. W. Pennell's Irish Brigade II. agst. Messrs. Cooney and Mathews' Cheery's Double.
Mr. C. Hourican's Breezey Fox agst. Mr. Fox's Lovely Queen.
Mr. P. Donegan's Princess Hermint agst. Mr. P. M'Donnell's More Rain III.
Mr. M. Jordan's Allies Abu agst Mr. T. Carroll's Desert Rose.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £28; second, £13; third and fourth, £3 10/- each.

Mr. John Brady's Tuthertohy Lad agst. Mr. J. Hennessy's Be a Lad.
Mr. P. Smyth's Ossory Hill II. agst. Mr. T. Deery's Commander MacKeown.
Mr. R. T. M'Donald's Boyne Hawk agst. Mr. J. Brady's Broken Dick.
Mr. J. W. Smyth's Service Kit agst. Mr. J. Durnin's Mornington Volunteer.
Mr. P. Martin's Marchman II. agst. Mr. F. Jackson's Quick Boy.
Mr. M. Maginn's Mac's Hope agst. Mr. T. Brennan's Castlering.
Mr. J. Durnin's Young MacGregor agst. Mr. J. M'Glimpsey's Margaret M.
Mr. J. Tennanty's Royal Lady agst. Mr. C. M'Donnell's Minnie's Cheer.

THE OLD YEAR STAKES—For 16 two-course maidens. Winner, £18; second, £9; third and fourth, £2 10/- each.

Mr. J. M'Ardle's Herringman agst. Mr. J. Purfield's Peace Victories.
Mr. M. Dalton's Bon Vivant agst. Mr. M. Jordan's Viceroy II.
Messrs. Murray and M'Cabe's M'Connach's Ann agst. Mr. P. M'Entee's March Along.
Mr. J. J. Donegan's Dunany agst. Mr. J. J. Waller's Corieck.
Messrs. Cooney and Mathew's The Bull agst. Mr. J. Clifford's Silent Feathers.
Mr. W. Morgan's Mill 'em All agst. Mr. P. Fleming's Puckane.
Mr. J. Sharkey's Sandy's Selection agst. Mr. J. Walls' What's What.
Mr. J. Pepper's Pearl Princess agst. Mr. J. O'Hare's Mill Race.

First brace in slips at 12 o'clock on Wednesday next at Dowdallshill.

MOONCOIN MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, 26th DECEMBER.

Judge—Mr. Murphy. Slipper—P. McSweeney.

THE DRAW.

KILMACOW STAKES—For 7 puppies. Winner, £10; second, £4.

Mr. J. O'Connor's Hunter's Double agst. Mr. J. Grace's Gathabeg.
Mrs. Coghlan's Coolroe agst. Mr. M. Small's Small Port.
Mr. E. Lyng's Lenin agst. Mr. J. O'Dwyer's Waddingstown.
Mrs. Coghlan's Dark Eyed Gypsey a bye.

THE SILVERSPRING STAKES—For 5 all-ages. Winner £11; second, £4.

Mr. M. Henebry's The Mayor agst. Mr. J. Pembroke's Pearl Ash.
Mr. A. G. Bowers's Bravo agst. Mr. T. Conway's Cash In.
Mr. P. J. O'Brien's Victorious Crawler a bye.

THE MOONCOIN STAKES No. 1—For 16 two-course maidens. Winner, £20; second, £8; third and fourth, £2 each.

Mr. J. Pembroke's Spike Island agst. Mr. F. Larkin's Hunter.
Mr. P. Gahan's Divided Hollow agst. Mr. J. Sweeney's Shepherd's Hero.
Mr. T. Power's Grig's Pipes agst. Mr. M. O'Hanlon's Darkie XIX.
Mr. T. Butler's Fearate agst. Mr. P. Walsh's Dark Ogre.
Mr. F. Doyle's Danest Castle agst. Mr. W. Moloney's Over Idle.
Mr. H. Garvin's Forward On agst. Mr. M. Shanahan's Sixty-Six.
Mr. R. W. Pilsworth's Dainty Boy agst. Mr. B. Lyng's Lady Kildare.
Mr. P. Walsh's Nell The Rake agst. Mr. J. McCarthy Fitzgerald's Fearless Lass.

THE MOONCOIN STAKES, No. 2—For 14 two-course maidens. Winner, £18; second, £6; third and fourth, £2 each.

Mr. T. Conway's Cash Out agst. Mr. D. Hoyne's Irish Pat.
Mr. P. O'Keeffe's Rambling Ted agst. Mr. P. Walsh's Gerald Fitzgerald.
Mr. J. O'Neill's Night Lightning agst. Mr. M. O'Halloran's Irish Hope II.
Mr. R. Power's Piltown Peg agst. Mr. P. Hickey's High Heel.
Mr. J. P. Helen's Pampered Peggy agst. Mr. J. Walsh's Wilful Wiles.
Mr. A. G. Bowers's Breezy Mopsy agst. Mr. P. Tyler's Tasty Sally.
Mr. E. Moore's Mistletoe Maid agst. Mr. J. O'Dwyer's Rathkiran Flower.

ENNISKILLEN MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Judge—Mr. Husbands. Slipper—W. O'Donoghue.

THE DRAW.

CASTLECOOLE STAKE—For 11 puppies. Winner, £16; second, £7; third, £2 10/-

Mr. P. J. Small's Simple Ben agst. Mr. F. Lunny's Fly the Border.
Mr. F. Lunny's (senior) Light Looks agst. Mr. J. Clendinning's Oceanic.
Mr. J. Connolly's Sligo agst. Mr. J. Barden's Lady Victory.
Mr. J. Dolan's Donnecarney agst. Mr. P. Shortt's Golfing Girl.
Mr. A. Irvine's Zita agst. Mr. E. McKernan's Peggy's Pet.
Mr. F. Marshall's Moorland Honey, a bye.

BELLEISLE STAKES—For 10 all-ages. Winner, £18; second, £7; third, £3.

Mr. J. Maguire's Ard Padraig agst. Mr. W. Scholes' Victualler's Comrade.
Mr. F. G. McCann's Golden Hawk II. agst. Mr. J. Feely's Mick McGrath II.
Mr. T. Devers' Another Danger Signal agst. Mr. H. B. McKeag's Carrick Castle.
Mr. A. Scholes' Blue Dick agst. Mr. J. Higgins' Brencon Riogda.
Mr. J. Brady's Boyne Lad agst. Mr. R. D. Anderson's Jack O Puckaun.

FLORENCECOURT STAKES—For 16 two-course maidens. Winner, £18; second, £7; third and fourth, £2 each.

Mr. T. Bogue's Bit o' Rye II. agst. Mr. J. O'Grady's West Tralee.
Mr. M. Reilly's Red Roseberry agst. Mr. J. J. O'Rourke's Breffni Boy.
Mr. J. McDonald's Broken Link agst. Mr. M. McGrath's Masserene Arms.
Mr. J. Griffin's Hasty Mac agst. Mr. J. A. Gorman's Hurrah.
Mr. F. Lunny's Curious Maid agst. Mr. A. Scholes' Abbey Lodge Lass.
Mr. I. Chambers' Crimson Crown agst. Mr. B. McKernan's Manery's Favourite.
Mr. T. Devers' Molly Moonshine agst. Mr. W. Wilson's Aghalurcher Maid.
Mr. E. Granleese's Grand Evening agst. Mr. P. Brown's Breffni Breeze.

LOCAL STAKES—For 8 two-course maidens. Winner, £10; second, £4.

Mr. T. F. Campbell's Killyheviin agst. Mr. T. Dick's Dainty Dixie.
Mr. A. Robinson's The Wasp II. agst. Mr. I. Chambers' Cissie's Chorus.
Mr. G. Evans' Hasty Bess agst. Mr. P. Hughes' Hasty Molly.
Mr. J. Griffin's Hasty Temper agst. Mr. P. Nevin's Devenish.

CYCLING.

OLD TIMERS' FELLOWSHIP.

The annual general meeting of the Irish Cyclists' Old-Timers' Fellowship was held at the offices of the Hon. Secretary on Friday last, Mr. W. P. Molloy, the outgoing president, being in the chair. The report of the committee for the past year and the financial statement were presented by the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Both were regarded as satisfactory and were adopted.

Mr. E. Power was elected President for the coming year, with the following officers:—Vice-Presidents—Councillor J. Russell Stritch, Messrs. Gerald Stoney, R. W. Burke, and E. Condell. Committee—Messrs. J. E. Thornton, T. P. Kane, A. W. Hewett, J. J. Clinch, R. L. Chapman, J. Lord, R. P. Rogers, H. Braine, T. H. Evans, P. Cran, F. W. Francis, J. C. Marlowe, and L. Sandivos. Mr. G. H. Lord was asked to accept the position of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. It was decided to hold the annual dinner of the Fellowship on Saturday, 12th January, at the Shelbourne Hotel. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the outgoing officers.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR WEDNESDAY.

Westminster Gazette:—Wednesday's best—North Waltham. Double—North Waltham and Hairpin II.

Daily Express:—Safety bet — Flaming Sword (to win).

RUGBY.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

Holiday football usually is not of a kind to be taken too seriously, for teams are seldom at full strength. The three senior games played on Saturday suffered on this account. Bective Rangers had only thirteen players commencing their game with Lansdowne at Lansdowne road, and though ultimately with a full side, they suffered a reverse. Wanderers had an easy victory over Palmerston at Milltown, scoring 29 points to 3, while Old Wesley defeated Clontarf by 6 points to 5.

LANSDOWNE (11) V. BECTIVE RANGERS (5).

Bective Rangers had only thirteen players starting the match with Lansdowne at Lansdowne road on Saturday. Before half-time substitutes were found for J. Clarke and O'Meara, but Lansdowne, after holding them during the first half, took full advantage of the strong wind in the second period, and won in deserving style by 2 goals (1 penalty) and a try (11 points) to 1 goal (5 points).

Playing against the wind in the first half Lansdowne did remarkably well to keep their opponents' score down to 1 goal. This came early in the game, Roddy picking up in the loose to score a good try, which Atkins converted. By judicious kicking for touch and keen tackling, the Lansdowne backs frustrated the further attempts of Bective to score. Once Atkins was within an ace of scoring, but could not beat Crawford. Then Lansdowne broke away from the centre, and Robertson, after a good run, put Scales in possession, the latter scoring in easy position for Crawford to convert. Thus at half-time each side had scored five points.

It was not long before Lansdowne had an opportunity of taking the lead, when the second half was entered on. The wind helping, Crawford and his backs kicked into the centre of the field, and Bective backs were kept chasing the ball in every direction. A penalty far out was taken by Crawford, who, with a splendid kick, landed a great goal. Bective made efforts to get level again, and Atkins twice was pulled down by Crawford. Then a fumble by Doyle let Scales away, and Keogh receiving near the line went in for another try for Lansdowne, but Crawford found the kick too difficult. This was the last score of the match, and Lansdowne well deserved their win by 11 points to five.

Crawford, Scales, and Robertson (backs), and Whitty, Pike, and Healy (forwards) were the best of the winning side; while for Bective, Atkins, Roddy, and Meldon (backs), and Walker, R. Collopy, and W. Collopy (forwards) were most prominent. Result:—

Lansdowne ...... 2 goals (1 penalty) and 1 try (11 points).
Bective Rangers 1 goal (5 points)

Teams:—

Bective Rangers—J. Doyle; A. Atkins, J. Atkins, P. Roddy, S. Ballagh; C. Meldon, E. Cullen; J. D. Egan, W. P. Collopy, R. Collopy, E. Powell, R. Walker, L. Egan, A. Wade, D. Ryan.

Lansdowne—W. E. Crawford; V. Harris, D. McWeeney, S. Hogan, H. Scales; D. Robertson, P. Randel; B. Cairnduff, L. Healy, W. Keogh, J. McEnery, P. Parr, E. Pemberton, T. Pike, P. Whitty.

Referee—Mr. G. Exshaw.

WANDERERS (29) V. PALMERSTON (3).

The attendance was moderate at Milltown on Saturday, and a nasty wind made matters very uncomfortable. Palmerston had the assistance of the wind in the first half, and with its help held their own, and scored first, Lochtie crossing between the posts early on, but V. Kirwan made a mess of the easy kick. Before the interval a good run by Poff enabled Watson to run in at the right, the sides crossing over level.

Wanderers were attacking practically all the second half, and early on Potterton dribbled up to the home line, for Saunderson to score, but Potterton failed to improve. Soon after a good run by Cherry let Saunderson in again, and Potterton kicked a goal. Wanderers were still attacking, when Saunderson put Cherry over, for Kennedy to improve. A rush by the visitors' forwards was well stopped by V. Kirwan, but he failed to clear, and Poff, picking up, dashed over, and again Kennedy converted. Exchanges, between Collis and Saunderson resulted in the latter getting his third try, but Kennedy's kick failed this time. Just before the finish Poff ran well before passing to Halpin, who crossed, and Kennedy added the extra points. The winners were best represented by Poff, Watson, Saunderson, and Cherry (backs), and Collis, Ackland and Potterton (forwards), while the pick of Palmerston were V. Kirwan, Campbell, and Stephens (backs), and Ker, S. Kirwan, Lochtie, and Hazlett (forwards).

Teams:—

Palmerston—V. Kirwan; H. M'Campbell, R. Pringle, G. C. Taylor, R. T. M'Ginty; E. T. Wellwood, R. D. Stephens; G. Dallaghan, T. L. Jolly, S. V. Kirwan, J. E. Kerr, C. E. Macaulay, J. V. Lochtie, W. J. Hazlett, W. R. Van der Kiste.

Wanderers—D. S. Imrie; F. S. Poff, D. Kennedy, S. J. Halpin, Rev. R. Watson; D. Saunderson, J. C. Cherry; C. H. Ackland, R. W. Allen, H. R. Barden, R. W. Collis, F. E. Beckett, A. J. England, V. Potterton, D. T. Young.

Referee—Mr. H. Hill.

OLD WESLEY (6) V. CLONTARF (5).

For this game at Castle avenue on Saturday, the ground was soft, the light bad, while a strong breeze blew down hill, and intensified in force as the game progressed. Clontarf are having a lean year, but, considering that, playing up-hill in the first moiety, they scored per J. Roche, and Nowlan added the points, it looked like a home win. However, a penalty against the home side resulted in Massey landing a good "three-pointer" from long range, and then Bennett got over far out at the right for a try, which Massey failed to improve on. Thus the teams changed ends with Old Wesley leading by a point.

It looked like any odds on Clontarf getting ahead, with the wind and slope to help them. But nothing happened. The home attack was never driven home, and with no scoring in the second half, Old Wesley, who started with twelve men, and played a man short all through, left off winners by the narrowest possible margin.

For Old Wesley, Kapp played a sound and resolute game at back; Massey and Glanville were the best of the "threes;" Latimer, though possessing pace, was irresolute. Holland was a enterprising out-half, and was well served by Tombe, and the best of the forwards was Love, who was very good in the open. For Clontarf, Nowlan kicked a fine length at back; Freeman and Hopkins were very enterprising in the three-quarter line. Cooke did well at half, and the best of a light pack were Hourihan, McMahon, Carey and J. Roche. Result:—

Old Wesley—1 penalty goal 1 try (6 points).
Clontarf—1 goal (5 points).

Teams:—

Clontarf—G. S. Nowlan; W. L. Freeman, J. H. Hopkins, B. Buckley, J. E. Allen; N. H. Cooke, P. McGrath, D. Hourihan, M. J. McMahon, S. Barrett, T. P. Carey, E. Roche, J. Roche, F. Bradley, R. E. Ronaldson.

Old Wesley—H. F. Kapp; W. H. Glanville, E. W. Massey, V. K. Bailey, W. A. Latimer, E. O. Holland, E. R. Tombe; R. D. Gray, E. R. Barrett, G. G. Alexander, J. Fox, A. Love, B. E. Gentleman, E. T. Bray, R. Bennett.

FRANCE V. SCOTLAND.

THE SCOTTISH TEAM.

In the final Scottish trial match at Inverleith, Edinburgh, on Saturday, the Rest beat Scotland by 10 points to 6. Subsequently the Scottish team to play France at Paris on New Year's Day was selected as follows:—

Full back—D. Drysdale (Heriotonians).

Three-quarters—C. E. W. Mackintosh (London-Scottish), A. L. Gracie (Harlequins), E. M'Laren (London-Scottish), and A. C. Wallace (Oxford).

Half-backs—H. Waddell (Glasgow Academicals) and W. E. Bryce (Selkirk).

Forwards—J. M. Bannerman (Glasgow High School), J. C. R. Buchanan (Stewartonians), R. A. Howie (Kirkcaldy), L. M. Stuart (Glasgow High School), D. S. Kerr (Heriotonians), A. Ross (Kilmarnock), D. Davies (Hawick), and K. G. P. Hendrie (Heriotonians).

CIVIL SERVICE MATCH.

ULSTER (16) v. FREE STATE (0).

At Stormont, Belfast, on Saturday, teams representing Free State and Ulster Civil Service played. In the first half Davison and Frame scored tries for Ulster, neither of which was converted, and in the second half Reuben and Davison added two more, Davison converting both, and Ulster won by 16 points to nil.

WANDERERS SCHOOLBOYS.

The following fixtures have been arranged for the Wanderers Schoolboys' XV. for the Christmas vacation:—Thursday, 27th December—Monkstown (home); Wednesday, 2nd January—Monkstown (home); Thursday, 3rd January—English Public Schools R.F.C. (away); Thursday, 10th January—Palmerston (away); Friday, 11th January—Monkstown (away).

INSTONIANS v. LANSDOWNE.

For this match at Lansdowne road on Wednesday the following will be the teams:—

Lansdowne—W. E. Crawford; V. Harris, S. Hogan, D. McWeeney, H. Scales; P. Randel, D. Robertson; B. Cairnduff, L. Healy, W. Keogh, J. McEnery, E. Pemberton, T. Pike, A. Pike, P. Whitty. Sub.—P. Parr.

Instonians—R. Gilbert; A. Douglas, E. Abernethy, J. Hewitt, R. McClenahan; H. Hall, J. McDowell; H. Copeland (capt.), J. Campbell, G. Goldsborough, H. Halliday, J. McDowell, J. Neill, T. Ward, A. Shane.

HOLIDAY FIXTURES.

December 26th—Lansdowne v. Instonians, Lansdowne road, 2.30.
December 26th—North of Ireland v. Monkstown, Belfast.
December 26th—Carlow v. Wanderers 2nd, Carlow.
December 26th—Wanderers' Schoolboys v. English Public Schools R.F.C. Lansdowne road, 2.30.
December 26th—Monkstown "A" v. Mr. Heard's XV. Sydney parade, 11.45.
December 27th—Knock v. Monkstown, Belfast.
December 28th—Lansdowne 3rd "A" v. Wanderers 3rd "A." Lansdowne road.
December 29th—Lansdowne v. Wanderers. Lansdowne road.
December 29th—Bective Rangers v. Old Wesley Donnybrook.
December 29th—Clontarf v. Palmerston, Castle avenue.

ULSTER V. MUNSTER.

THE ULSTER TEAM.

The following have been selected to represent Ulster against Munster at Lansdowne road on 5th January:—

Full back—W. E. Crawford (Lansdowne and Malone);

Three-quarters—H. W. V. Stephenson (United Services), G. V. Stephenson (Queen's University), J. B. Gardiner (N.I.F.C.) (capt.), and A. C. Douglas (Instonians);

Half-backs—J. C. M'Dowell (Instonians) and W. H. Hall (Instonians);

Forwards—J. H. Anderson (Derry and Royal Engineers), T. N. Brand (N.I.F.C.), G. Caruth (Queen's), H. H. Copeland (Instonians), T. M'Clelland (Queen's), H. M'Kee (Collegians), H. M'Vicker (Coleraine and Edinburgh University), and J. M'Vicker (Collegians).

Wanderers Schoolboys v. English Public Schools at Lansdowne road on Wednesday. Wanderers Schoolboys—Oakes; Ellis, Moveoritz, Robertson, Norman; Henry, MacNaughton; Syme, Warnock, McKinnon, Nowlan, Michael, Hodgett, Davies Freer.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

OTHER DUBLIN MATCHES.

	Points.		Points
Wanderers 2nd	29	Palmerston 2nd	0
Wanderers 3rd	32	Palmerston 3rd	0

ULSTER MATCHES.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Collegians	3	North	8

FRIENDLY.

Instonians	0	Larne	6

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Malone 2nd	21	Carrick	6
Donaghadee	8	Cooke	0
Armagh	5	Sydenham	3
Collegians 2nd	9	Y.M.C.A.	6

JUNIOR CUP—RE-PLAY.

Lurgan	14	Knock 2nd	6

CROSS-CHANNEL MATCHES.

SCOTTISH TRIAL MATCH.

	Points.		Points
The Rest	10	Scotland	6

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Northumberland	29	Durham	0

OTHER MATCHES.

Aberavon	8	Cardiff	4
Bath	8	Old Blues	4
Bank of England	13	King's Coll. Hospital	3
Bank of England C.	29	Edgware C	0
Bradford	7	Liverpool	0
Bristol	19	O.M.T.'s	15
Coventry	0	Leicester	0
Crumlin	8	Cross Keys	9
Edinburgh Acads.	4	West of Scotland	3
Gloucester	3	Abertillery	7
Harlequins	12	Royal Navy	5
Hull and East Riding	20	Headingley	16
Neath	3	Mountain Ash	0
Newport	4	Pill Harriers	7
Nuneaton	5	Birmingham	5
Penarth	5	Llanelly	8
Plymouth	5	Pontypool	0
Rosslyn Park	8	Old Uppinghamians	13
Royal High Sch. F.P.	14	Edinburgh Ins.	3
Sidcup	16	Old Dunstonians	11
Sidcup A	28	Old Haberdashers	0
Standard Bank of S.A.	33	Rosslyn Park B	0
Swansea	16	London Welsh	0

RUGBY LEAGUE.

Batley	10	Hunslet	10
Bradford	6	Featherstone R.	8
Bramley	5	Keighley	7
Halifax	7	Oldham	0
Hull	18	Dewsbury	3
Leeds	21	Hull K.R.	0
Leigh	8	Widnes	0
Rochdale H.	3	Broughton R.	3
Swinton	4	Wigan	10
Warrington	9	Huddersfield	8
Wigan Highfield	6	Barrow	5
York	5	St. Helens Rec.	12

BOXING.

CONTESTS AT THE RING.

At the Ring, Blackfriars, London, on Saturday, Fred Bullion, of Deptford, and Cast Iron Hogue met in a fifteen rounds contest at 9st. 4lbs. The visitor had little to recommend him, save his power to take punishment, and though he boxed gamely enough he was never clever enough for Bullion, who was a good winner on points after the contest had gone the full distance. In another fifteen rounds contest Jim Blake (Bethnal Green) beat George Nolon (King's Cross) on points.

FRENCH FEATHER-WEIGHT TITLE.

MASCART THE NEW CHAMPION.

The Council of the French Boxing Federation has considered a statement made by M. Eudeline, Criqui's manager, that Criqui, whose hand is still unhealed, abandons for the present, of his own free will, the French Feather-Weight title. The Council, after commending M. Eudeline for the attitude which he and Criqui had adopted, decided to apply the usual regulations, and to transfer the title to Mascart. Criqui, however, will have the right of priority with regard to a future challenge to the new French champion. As far as the European Feather-Weight Championship is concerned, the question will be settled by the Urgency Committee of the International Boxing Union. It is considered likely that the Committee will give this title also to Mascart.

MOTOR CYCLING.

DUBLIN WINTER TRIAL.

In accordance with the usual custom, the Dublin and District Motor Cycle Club will hold an open reliability trial on St. Stephen's Day. The event will start on Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. from Donnybrook, and the route, which is of approximately 60 miles in length, will terminate at Enniskerry, where it is proposed to hold a social evening at the Leicester Arms Hotel. The route for the most part lies in the northern part of the County Wicklow, and is somewhat circuitous. It passes through Glencullen, Devil's Elbow, Kilmalin, Annacrivy, to the foot of the Lond Hill, and then to Kilmacanogue. An ascent will be made to the Calary Plateau by Red lane, and after descending the Long Hill the Goat Pass will be climbed, and the outward route traversed in the reverse direction to Annacrivy, working back to the foot of the Long Hill. From Glencormac the route to Kilmacanogue and via the "Waterfall of Bricks" to Delgany and the Glen of the Downs. Red lane will be ascended a second time, and the trial will end at Enniskerry, where the first of the competitors is due at 1.28 p.m. Red lane, Goat Pass, and Annacrivy Hills will be observed, and two marks will be deducted for each failure.

Gold medals are offered to all competitors securing full marks, silver medals to those securing 95 per cent., and the Waters Cup for the best performance by a novice. The entries received for the event are as follows:—J. A. Carvill, 3¼ h.p. B.S.A.; R. H. Hill, 3¼ h.p. Norton; A. Kearney, 3¼ h.p. Norton; M. Byrne, 2¾ h.p. Raleigh; C. C. Callaghan, 3½ h.p. Norton; Major J. A. H. Waters, 2¾ h.p. Radco; G. C. Callaghan, Coventry Victor; R. A. O'Connell, 2¾ h.p. B.S.A.; C. W. Chambers, 2¾ h.p. Cotton; H. De C. Studdery, Norton; A. Breslin, 8 h.p. B.S.A. and sidecar; G. V. Morris, Triumph and sidecar; H. McAllister, 3½ h.p. Norton; E. J. Guest, 10 h.p. Reading and sidecar; A. W. Kirkpatrick 4¼ h.p. Excelsior; G. Sparrow, 3 h.p. A.B.C.; E. B. Aston, 3½ h.p. Norton; R. Humphreys, 2½ h.p. Velocette; H. R. Morris, 3½ h.p. Norton; J. Cuthbert, 7 h.p. A.J.S. and sidecar; H. E. Bell, 2¾ h.p. James; R. D. Cox, 8 h.p. Stoneleigh lightcar; W. T. Malcomson, 9.5 h.p. G.N. lightcar; R. M. Larkin, 2¾ h.p. B.S.A.

LAWN TENNIS.

MRS. MALLORY MAY PLAY FOR NORWAY.

PARIS, Sunday.

A Christiania telegram to the *Auto* announces that the Norwegian Olympic Committee has authorised Mrs. Mallory to represent Norway in Paris. In 1912 Mrs. Mallory, as Miss Molla Bjurstedt, represented Norway with success at the Games in Stockholm. Mrs. Mallory will be ineligible for the Olympic Games unless she plays under Norwegian colours.

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SALES BY W. R. HAGUE.

COUNTY OF CAVAN.

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VALUABLE GROCER'S SHOP

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The Shop is commodious and up-to-date, with 2 plate glass windows and 2 counters. One side of shop has been fitted up for carrying on Drug Trade, for which there is a good opening in Donaghadee. Excellent turn-over, which can be produced for inspection.

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WOMAN AND HER HOME.

MISUNDERSTOOD.

I WONDER how many tragedies have been enacted, how many geniuses blighted, how many good natures embittered, how many intellects warped, by the misapprehension of the child mentality. The number is legion, the more so in the past, when psychology was undreamed of and children were governed by an adult standard of rules, their childish foibles and idiosyncrasies being harshly repressed by their elders.

In her book "Misunderstood" Florence Montgomery tells us of two little motherless boys who lived with their father in the country. The elder, a high-spirited boy, with many fine characteristics latent in him, was misunderstood by all those in charge of him. All his actions were misconstrued, with the natural result that his supposed faults were sternly repressed by his elders. Before his death in the end of the book everyone understands what a noble boy he really was.

Imaginative children sometimes cause anxiety to their parents; for frequently a child appears not only to be telling untruths, but to be unconscious that its words are conveying what is false. It is good to encourage children both to imagine and to describe their fancies, which their elders can elevate by tales of the great, whether legendary or historical; for to set a standard of taste for the subjects of imagination is to provide a moral bulwark for life's battle.

In the matter of clothes, too, children are often treated badly. Their parents autocratically refuse them permission to exercise their judgment when choosing the clothes they are to wear. Much better to let a girl occasionally have the garment on which she has set her heart, even if it is unbecoming; the blunt criticism of her school friends will have more effect than repeated advice from her family. Let the girl share the responsibility of choosing her clothes, thereby giving her an opportunity to form her own judgments and tastes.

A great deal of sympathy, tact and knowledge must be exercised to turn children's wondering to a good use. If a child wonders about the stars it should be given verbal instruction and also a simple book explaining all about the stars.

Thoughtful parents will know that nonproductive wondering weakens both the minds and the characters of children. To make it wholesome it should be united to action. Pondering on things unknown, but not necessarily unknowable, has both an intellectual and an ethical influence, and should, therefore, be encouraged in children.

Children often get spoiled in their earliest years by their parents, with the result that they become almost unmanageable when about ten years of age. With children one has to school oneself to firmness. A mother can be kind as well as firm. She should always keep in mind that the little ones are very quick to see in what way they can appeal to mother's good nature and kindness of heart with the object of evading merited punishment. Children are really adepts in playing upon the sympathies of their elders if they are given the chance to do so.

Always keep your promises to children, and do not make threats of punishment which you do not intend to keep. Once a child understands that her parents mean what they say, she will easily show them respect and obedience. It is the children who know that they can twist their parents around their little fingers at will who become unmanageable at times and almost impossible to control.

Many parents devote much thought and effort in the attempt to bring up their children in accordance with a pattern which they consider ideal. They ignore the fact that every child has its own distinct individuality. They refuse to allow their children to express themselves in their own way, with the result that the children's tastes and budding talents are gradually crushed out by the parents' ridicule, condemnation or sheer lack of imagination. When the children grow up the mother or the father is the first to deplore the fact that their sons or daughters seem to have no marked aptitude or inclination for any special mode of life, no ambition, no definite ideas about pleasures, hobbies or ideals.

It may be a great grief to a musical mother that her little daughter dislikes the piano, but will devote hours of leisure to creating original doll's clothes. Under these circumstances it is useless to persist in trying to make a child a musician; far better make her a successful dress designer, expressing herself in her own way. Talent can be fostered or expressed by a parent, but it cannot be created.

MIRABELLE.

"FATHER CHRISTMAS."

TO all the people to whose houses Father Christmas will soon come, and who wish his visits to continue, let me give a friendly word of warning. Pay great attention to detail, when arranging for his reception; for I have seen his throne totter in the heart of a little boy, through the neglect of one small detail. This firm believer in "Santa Claus" is the youngest member of a large family, some of his brothers being quite grown-up; and he now is the only one in that house to whom Father Christmas is still a romantic and mysterious personality; but far be it from any of that family to shake his belief.

I was privileged to be present when the big bed sock that hung at the end of the small bed was filled with treasure; the prospective owner of which lay peacefully asleep, his excitement forgotten. At the last moment a large rent was found in the sock, and to remedy this, the busy mater familias hastily loosened a brooch from her frock and pinned the torn edges together.

Christmas morning dawned, and once more I stood beside the cot and watched the eager little hands explore the big bed sock to its uttermost depths; while the old nurse looked on, and made suitable remarks of wonder and of admiration.

Suddenly there was an ominous pause in the proceedings, and two very honest blue eyes looked straight at me: "Where did he get Mammy's brooch?" was the question that came.

Horror-stricken, I searched vainly for an explanation, but the old nurse rose gallantly to the occasion. "Didn't he pick it up off the dressing table, Honey," she said, "when he seen the hole in the sock." The blue eyes were now fixed on her face. "And isn't he the honest old gentleman," went on the kindly voice, "that he didn't take it off with him, when he got it so handy." With a sigh of relief I saw the situation had been saved, and "God forgive me," whispered the old nurse as she left the room.

The little boy looked at me: "I'm glad Mammy left her brooch where he could get it," he said contentedly.

And Father Christmas still comes to that house.

BOXING DAY HINTS.

MANY people detest Bank Holidays, and Boxing Day above all others—it seems so terribly dead after the glamour and excitement of "the greatest day in the year."

Instead, however, of grumbling about the flatness and dullness of the holiday, why not plan out a programme for it that will make it as jolly as Christmas Day itself? But one must take time by the forelock; there will be friends to secure for one's party, there will be provisioning, there will be the inventing of some original way of entertaining those same friends, who are inclined to feel a little languid after Christmas.

If you have maids give them the whole day off, or as much of it as you can; it will be ever so much jollier to have the house to yourself, and play the fool as the mood takes you. Even the cooking can be of a most amateurish sort; there'll be plenty left from the day before to fill up any chinks.

A chafing-dish supper preceded with games, dancing, or an impromptu concert—whatever occurs to you—will be really enjoyable. If time hangs heavy have your friends to a "kitchen tea," after that all might dress up in paper costumes and have a dance. The amateur cooks could be preparing the supper while this goes on, and can dance later, if they wish.

If the men of the party can be enlisted to help so much the better. Supper should be of every quaint and appetizing and "makeshift" dish imaginable. The funnier things are—provided they are eatable, and digestable!—the more successful the supper.

A Christmas tree for grown-ups is another novel idea. A ridiculous one covered with all kinds of ridiculous things tied up in mysterious parcels. This always puts people in good humour, and is a nice way of giving one another absurd little gifts that spell good fun.

Sometimes a theatre party is arranged for Boxing Day. But that night isn't really the best night; trains and trams are crowded and actors are often tired. Home parties are most successful, if well planned, and the right people invited. If all else fails, an informal kiddie's affair, with plenty of crackers will make the most bored and languid wake up.

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GARDEN, FARM, ETC. CONTINUED.

CUT Flowers for Sale, also Chrysanthemums in pots and Holly and Ivy.—Lambays, Dundrum. 17 A

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BARLEY Meal, £10 10/- ton; rails Dublin.—William McEvoy, Ltd., Mountmellick. 23 F

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FOR Sale, nice Roasting Fowl and Ducks, also lovely Turkeys, 2/6 per lb., plucked, trussed and delivered.—Landscape, Dundrum. 17 A

FOR Sale, 25 young Hens, 5/- each.—Mrs. W. Deane, Celbridge.

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"MEATOX" Special Meat Meal, made from best Butcher's, contains no salt; [illegible] Wellington quay, Dublin. 24 X

MRS. Cowmley has vacancies for two Lady Pupils on her Poultry Farm. [illegible] Co. Waterford. 23 F

PURE Barley Meal, £9 10/- per ton, Dublin; sack free.—D 1596, this office. 22 F

WANTED, good supplies clean trapped Rabbits, [illegible] Wholesale Market, Dewsbury. 26 27

26 FOWL, the lot £4 10/-; also part Furniture, cheap. Apply Mrs. Owens, The Cottage, Ballycorus Villas, Kiltiernan. 19 A

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GRAMOPHONES, Horn, Hornless, and Cabinet; splendid stock; latest models.—Butler, Monument House. A

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BLUE Beveren Rabbits for Sale, beautiful specimens, 7/6.—Landscape, Dundrum. 17 A

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BLACK Coated Retriever Dog, 9 months, splendid specimen, retrieves ball, etc.; only wants work to make first class gun dog; price £5 and carriage.—Murphy, Christendom, Waterford. 20 B

BEAUTIFUL Miniature Black Pekingese, splendid pedigree £4 4/-.—Anderson, 79 Booterstown avenue. 21 E

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CO. Kildare—Cottage and 3 acres, free of rent.—M. Doyle and Son, Auctioneers, Athy. 21 A

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THE Sycamores, Arklow, for Sale; fine Residence, 12 apartments, h. and c. water, lease 60 years, rent £5 10/-, P.L.V. £20; clear possession; price moderate.—Condren's, Auctioneers, Arklow. 19 F

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TO Let, Farmhouse, 1-16 acres of land; best offer. Address "Z 3465, Farm," this office. 20 B

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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AUTHORS' MSS. made saleable, typewritten, and sold. Donald Craig, Holyrood, Tinahely. 26 T

CARNARVON Brickworks, Ltd., Irwell Chambers, Fazakerley street, Liverpool, will be pleased to quote prices for their Bricks for Ireland. 19 A

CHRISTMAS Presents—Table Plants, Ferns, Palms, Aspidistras; splendid value.—McKenzies, Brunswick street. 21

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SERVICES AND ANTHEMS.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

St. Patrick's Cathedral.—Christmas Eve, 10 a.m., Psalm v. Benedictus, L. Hymn 609. 4 p.m., Christmas Carols. Offertories for Cathedral Mission to the Poor. Christmas Day, 8, Holy Communion. 11.15, Matins. Proper Psalms xix., lxxxv. Te Deum and Jubilate (Wesley in E). Processional Hymn 84, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." "There were shepherds" (Handel). Hymn 86, "O come, all ye faithful." Preacher, Rev. N. J. D. White, D.D., Prebendary of Clonmethan. 12.15 o'clock, Holy Communion (Choral). Kyrie, Credo, Sanctus Gloria (Wesly in E). Offertory, "With all Thy hosts" (Bach). During Communion, "Beside Thy cradle" (Bach). 3.15, Proper Psalms cx., cxxxii. Magn., Nunc Dim. (Wesley in E). Processional Hymn 85, "O come, all ye faithful." 1st, "Hallelujah" (Beethoven). Hymn 84, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." 2nd, "There were shepherds." For behold darkness" (Handel). Offertories for Cathedral Sustentation Fund.

Christ Church Cathedral.—Christmas Eve, 3, Carol service. Magn. and Nunc Dim. (Wood in E flat). Anthem, "Nazareth" (Gounod). Christmas Day, 11, Processional Hymn 84. Matins. Psalms 19, 45. Te Deum and Benedictus (Stanford in B flat). Anthem, "There were shepherds" (Handel). 11.40, Holy Communion (Stanford in B flat). Preacher, His Grace the Archbishop. Hymns 89, 207. 3.30, Processional Hymn 84. Evensong. Psalms 110, 132. Magn. and Nunc Dim. (Stanford in B flat). Anthem, "There were shepherds" (Handel). Hymn 86. Collections for the poor of parishes near the Cathedral.

Royal Hospital, Kilmainham.—8, Holy Communion. 11, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

St. Matthias's Parish Church.—7.15 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30 Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

St. Ann's, Dawson street.—7.15, 8, 10, 11.30, Holy Communion. 10 and 11.30, Rev. J. W. Crozier. Collections for the Coal and Clothing Fund.

Rathmines Parish Church.—6.15, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Anthem, "There were shepherds," and "Glory to God" (Handel). The Rector.

Christ Church, Leeson Park.—7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. A. E. Hughes.

St. Columba's, Ranelagh.—7, 8, 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. W. Bell.

Magdalen Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. J. F. Moncrieff Cox.

Drumcondra Parish.—8 and 11, Holy Communion. 12, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. H. C. Cave.

North Strand Parish.—7, 8, 10.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. W. H. Coulter.

St. Bartholomew's Church.—7, 8, 9.15, Holy Communion. 11, Matins; Rev. Dr. McNeile. 12, Sung Eucharist, with Procession and Anthem. 4, Evensong and Carols.

St. Stephen's.—7, 8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins. Te Deum (Garrett in D). Benedictus (Chipp in D). Holy Communion and Sermon. Anthem, "Sing, O Heavens" (Hollins). 4, Evensong. St. Stephen's Day.—Patronal Festival. 8 and 11, Holy Communion. Evensong.

Molyneux Church.—11.30, Morning Service and Holy Communion; Rev. A. Morrow.

St. Werburgh's Parish Church.—8 and 9, Holy Communion. 11.15, Morning Service and Holy Communion; Rev. W. J. McCreery.

St. Peter's.—6.30 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. J. Tobias. Adelaide Hospital.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. F. W. Synnott.

Female Orphan House.—8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. W. Walford Turl.

Rotunda Chapel.—8, Holy Communion. 11.15, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. A. W. B. Mack.

St. George's.—7, 8, 10, 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. Fergus Greer.

St. Aidan's.—8, 10, and 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. J. T. Cummins.

St. Augustine's.—8, 10, and 11.30, Holy Communion. Rev. R. Watson.

The Free Church.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. G. J. F. Verschoyle.

St. Mark's Church.—11.30, the Provost of Trinity College.

St. Mary's Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion; Rev. A. Armstrong. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. J. T. Browne.

St. Mary's Chapel of Ease.—8, Holy Communion; Rev. J. O. Gage Dougherty. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. A. P. Armstrong.

St. Michan's.—8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. E. Ledwich.

St. Paul's.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. J. M. Hardee.

St. James's Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. E. M. Bateman.

St. James's District Church.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. F. Colthurst.

Monkstown Church.—7.30 and 8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. E. Norton. Offertory for Parochial Poor Fund.

St. Jude's, Kilmainham.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. P. W. Coster.

Kenure Church, Rush.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Collection for Protestant Orphan Society.

St. MacCullin's Church, Lusk.—8.45, Holy Communion. 12, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Collection for Sustentation Fund.

Clontarf Church.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. Robert Dunlop.

All Saints', Grangegorman.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Holy Communion (choral); Canon Forrester. 4, Carol Service.

Rathfarnham Parish Church.—8 and 10.15, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

Tullow Parish Church, Carrickmines.—8, Holy Communion. 11, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. St. Stephen's Day—12, Holy Communion. St. John's Day—8, Holy Communion. Holy Innocents'—8, Holy Communion.

St. Philip's Church, Milltown.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. J. Hawthornthwaite.

Zion Church, Rathgar.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. L. Parkinson Hill.

Harold's Cross Church.—7, 8, 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Wednesday (St. Stephen's)—8, Holy Communion. Friday (St. John Evangelist)—8, Holy Communion. Friday (Innocents') Day—12, Holy Communion.

Sandford Parish Church.—7, 8, 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion—Rev. W. S. Harvey.

All Saints', Blackrock.—7, 8, and 11.30, Holy Communion.

Abbey Presbyterian Church, Rutland square.—11, Rev. Dr. Osborne.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

Centenary Church, St. Stephen's Green.—11.30, Rev. W. J. Oliver (Choral Service).

Kingstown.—11.30, Rev. J. A. Duke.

Dalkey.—11.30, Rev. A. Egan.

Clontarf.—8 a.m., Dr. Carrothers.

Kinsealand Park.—11.30, Rev. W. B. Lumley.

Sandymount.—11.30, Rev. W. L. Conde.

Blackrock.—11, Rev. J. W. R. Campbell.

Dolphin's Barn.—11.30, Rev. R. [illegible] Morton.

OTHER CHURCHES AND HALLS.

Moravian Church, Lower Kevin st.—11.30, Rev. J. E. Hutton.

Salvation Army.—South Richmond street—Christmas Day, 10.30. Lower Abbey street—St. Stephen's Day, 3.30 o'clock.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORTS.

SATURDAY.

Wind and Weather—W.S.W. wind, strong breeze; dull and overcast.

Coastwise Arrivals.—Ss. Arvonia, from Holyhead, with passengers; ss. Slieve Gallion, ss. Slievemore, ss. South Stack, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. Magpie, ss. Puma, from Glasgow, with goods; ss. Olive, from Heysham, with goods; ss. Lady Emerald, ss. Lady Martin, from London, with goods; ss. Lady Killiney, from Liverpool, with goods; ss. Carrowdore, from London, with empties; ss. Clarecastle, from Manchester, with empties; ss. Glenstal, from Liverpool, with empties; ss. Ashfield, ss. Puffin, ss. Hartford, ss. Sarah Brough, ss. Priscilla, ss. Glencona, from Garston, with coals; ss. Portadown, from Preston, with coals; ss. Muir-[illegible]

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Foreign Departure.—Ss. Pinnau, of Hamburg, 658 tons register, Captain Kaysar, for Belfast, with part cargo (general).

Coastwise Departures.—Ss. Slieve Bawn, ss. Slieve Gallion, for Holyhead, with goods; ss. Puma, for Glasgow, with goods; ss. Olive, for Heysham, with goods; ss. Lady Cloe, for London, with goods; ss. Lady Killiney, for Liverpool and Birkenhead, with goods and live stock; ss. Arvonia, for Holyhead, light; ss. Welshman, for Garston, light; ss. Rosabelle, for Ormeshead, light; ss. Mondara, for Point of Ayre, light; ss. Walnut, for Newport, light; ss. Briarfield, for Llandulas, light; ss. St. Mirren, ss. Zillah, for Preston, light; ss. Cornelian, for Ayr, light; ss. St. Mungo, for Acton Grange, light.

SUNDAY.

Wind and Weather.—W.N.W. wind, light breeze; fine.

Foreign Arrivals.—Ss. Betula, of Helsingborg (Sweden), 899 tons register, Captain Heilson, from Sandsvall, with a cargo of flooring boards, discharging at Sir John Rogerson's quay; ss. Kerhonkson, of New York, 2920 tons register, Captain Moon, from Philadelphia, via Belfast and Ardrossan, with a general cargo, discharging at Shelter Sheds, Alexandra Basin.

Coastwise Arrivals.—Ss. Lady Brussels, from Preston, with goods; ss. Lady Kerry, from Glasgow, with goods; ss. Lady Kildare, ss. Eblana, from Manchester, with goods; ss. Ardmore, from Liverpool, with goods; ss. Yarrow, from Silloth, with goods; ss. Sanda, from Cork, with goods; ss. Cliftmore, ss. Princetown, from Newport, with coals; ss. Saint Mungo, from Birkenhead, with coals; ss. Rainiel II., from Garston, with coals.

Coastwise Departures.—Ss. Christiana, for Preston, light; ss. Priscilla, ss. Ashfield, for Ormeshead, light; ss. Puffin, ss. Glencona, ss. Hartford, ss. Sarah Brough, for Garston, light; ss. Sard, for Duddon, light; ss. Portadown, for Maryport, light; ss. Pine, for Newport, light.

Clearance Sale of Toys on To-day (Monday)

Special Offer for the day only. Remaining Stock of Toys and Crackers to be Cleared at a discount of 25% off the usual selling prices. Ladies' Hand Bags, Manicure Sets, Dressing Combs and General Fancy Goods specially reduced; also

CHOCOLATES. Wonderful Bargain. 4lb. Box of Assorted Chocolates, 12 to 18 varieties, price 6/6; 2lb. Box, 3/3. Shop early and secure the Bargain.

JEWELLERY, CUTLERY, & LEATHER GOODS BARGAINS.

Solid Heavy Oak Canteen of Finest Stainless Sheffield Cutlery, containing 53 pieces, with drawers and double locks. Usual price, £11 15s. 0d. Specially reduced to......... 9 GNS.

Solid heavy quality of Inlaid Polished Mahogany Canteen of very best Sheffield Stainless Cutlery, containing 66 pieces, with drawers and double locks. Usual price, £12 15s. 0d. Specially reduced to .... 10 GNS.

The Ideal Christmas Gift for Ladies—A String of Solid French Pearls, in satin and velvet lined case. Worth 25/-. Price 13/6

Special Value in Roll-up and Pocket Manicures, in Polished Croc. Book shape. Various sizes. Prices, 1/-, 1/11, 3/6, 3/11, 4/6, 8/11, 10/6.

Silver Plated French Mesh Bags. Very fine quality. Reduced to 7/11, 8/11, and 4/11

Excellent Value in Leather Attaché Cases—12", 10/6; 14", 12/6; 16", 14/6; 18", 16/6.

THE GRAFTON STORES, GRAFTON STREET
(XMAS EXTENSION—OLD CAFE CAIRO PREMISES).

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC, Saturday.—WHEAT cargoes steady but inactive; No. 1 Northern Manitoba January sellers 44/-, No. 2 ditto 43/3. Pacific December-January 46/-. Australian January-February 45/3, Rosafe (63½lbs.) January-February 43/-. Black Sea December-January 44/6. Parcels steady; No. 1 Northern Manitoba December sold 44/-, December-January 43/7½, Rosafe (63½lbs.) January-February sellers 42/6 per 480lbs. MAIZE cargo market firm, with a good demand. The Possidon, 5,720 tons Plate off coast sold at 37/6; the Eliopoli, 5,200 tons Plate afloat, transhipment from Genoa, sold 37/4; net cash; the Orlando, 2,200 tons wheat capacity, Dan. Gal-Fox., about ready to load, 38/3. Parcels firmer, with a good demand; Plate December-January sold 38/- to 38/3, January-February 38/6 to 38/7½, April-May 34/- per 480lbs. BARLEY cargoes firm but quiet; Dan Shee-Kin December sellers 32/3, Karachi December 31/9, Persian February 28/6 per 400lbs. Parcels in slow demand at late rates. OATS quiet and easier; Plate f.a.q. afloat sold 20/-, January-February sellers 20/-. No. 2 Canadian Western December-January 23/9. No. 2 feed ditto 21/6, Dan. afloat 20/- per 320lbs.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.—This market will be closed from one o'clock on Monday until Thursday morning, December 27th, for the Christmas holidays. The weakness in America had already been partly discounted here, and with the set-back in sterling exchange and a Bradstreet's weekly shipments smaller, a steady tone prevailed here, and distant months showed a slight improvement at the finish. C.i.f. parcels Rosario-Santa Fe January-February sold at 41/6. No. 1 Manitoba December quoted 43/7½, and choice white Karachi afloat held at 44/9 per qr. C.i.f. parcels MAIZE River Plate April-May sold at 34/-. December-January held at 37/9, and Galatz-Foxanian afloat 37/6 per qr. Wheat on the spot was quiet but steady at yesterday's market rates. Maize spot parcels steady at 8/- to 8/1 for River Plate and yellow South African, 8/1 to 8/3 white African, and 8/- to 8/0 per cental Galatz-Foxarian. FLOUR quiet but steady at late rates. Graded wheat futures opened steady and unchanged, but with sellers reserved, distant months improved slightly, the market closing on last night's level for current month and distant ½d. per cental dearer. Sales, 20 loads at 8/6½ to 8/6¾ for May delivery. Closing values—December 9/0½, March 8/8¾, May 8/6¼ per cental. Yellow River Plate maize options nominally unchanged at 8/- for January and 8/2 February delivery. Imports of grain (qrts.)—To-day—Wheat, 107,780; flour, 4,210; peas, 14,449; beans, 4,400. This week—Wheat, 558,287; flour, 13,041; maize, 101,125; peas, 33,608; oats, 12,080. This year—Wheat, 22,430,138; flour, 807,847; maize, 7,599,837; peas, 348,241; beans, 196,244. Last year—Wheat, 18,939,573; flour, 919,631; maize, 8,061,376; peas, 228,973; beans, 78,246.

NEWCASTLE, Saturday.—Foreign wheat 11/-, English 9/6 to 10/-; maize, 9/- to 10/-; barley, 9/-; oats 10/- to 10/6, foreign oats 8/2 to 9/2; boxings, 8/9; bran, 8/-; broad bran, 8/6; flour, 37/- to 39/-.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.—This market will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday for the Christmas holidays. Irish and Danish BACON continues firm, but the demand has fallen off owing to the nearer approach of Christmas. Canadian Wiltshires firm, but quiet and unaltered. The market for American has been very inactive under the same influence as long sides, while Chicago supplies are of a discouraging character, but, with prospective smaller arrivals in the near future, late prices are repeated for all descriptions. HAMS again rule inactive, but no quotable change in values has taken place. Shoulders remain dull at unchanged prices. LARD on the spot is again sparingly offered, but the demand is limited, though late prices are fully maintained. CHEESE attracts little attention, but no changes in values. BUTTER rules quiet, though late prices are repeated for all makes. EGGS steady at 28/- to 30/- for Irish hen and 11/- to 11/6 per 120 Egyptian. Imports of provisions (cwts.):—To-day—Bacon, 170; hams, 10; lard, 3,170. This week—Bacon, 7,787; hams, 2,557; lard, 14,469; cheese, 5,620; beef, 15; butter, 13,752. This year—Bacon, 409,349; hams, 197,410; lard, 910,469; pork, 7,106; cheese, 465,528; beef, 2,616; butter, 150,730. Last year—Bacon, 350,517; hams, 184,420; lard, 939,093; pork, 11,010; cheese, 416,683; beef, 6,117; butter, 225,765.

REFINED LARD "FUTURES"—LIVERPOOL, Saturday.—This market will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday for the Christmas holidays, and there will be only the first "call" on Monday. Chicago cables were higher than expected, and, with a demand from "shorts" to cover, prices improved 3d. to 1/3 per cwt., current month being least affected. Sales covered December at 78/-, January 73/3 to 74/-, May 71/- to 71/3, and February 73/- per cwt. sellers.

DUBLIN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE, Saturday.—A record market for week-end, and everything cleared at following prices:—York cabbage, 18/-, 25/-, 35/-, 45/- and 50/- per load; cauliflowers, 2/- to 3/- per dozen; Swede turnips, 1/6 to 1/9 per cwt.; carrots, 1/- to 1/6 per bunch; Savoy cabbage, 25/-, 35/-, and 45/- per load; parsley, 6d. to 9d. per bunch; celery, 1/- to 2/- and 3/- per dozen heads; onions, 2d. to 3d.; sage, 1/- to 2/-; turnips (white), 2d. to 4d. per bunch; jelly, 3d. to 3½d. per doz.; sprouts, 3/- to 4/- per basket.

CORK BUTTER, Saturday.—The tone of the market is quieter, and prices are easier. Creameries, 217/- per cwt.; choicest mild, 200/-; special dairies extra firsts; fresh lots, 166/-.

DUBLIN WHOLESALE FISH, Saturday.—Small supplies of fish on market—viz., 10 chests lobsters, 20 packages herrings, and some consignments from local and country sources. Demand was fair at following rates:—Large lobsters, 15/- to 25/-; seconds 10/- to 12/6, and smalls 5/- to 7/6 per lot of 13; large soles, 30/- to 45/-; mediums 20/- to 25/-, and slips 5/- to 7/3 per 9 pairs; turbot, 6d. to 25/- each; brill, 6d. to 5/- each; large plaice, 6/- to 8/- per 4; mediums, 6/- to 8/- per 8. Box fish—Plaice, 20/- to 70/-; ray, 10/- to 20/- per half-box; herrings, 2/- to 10/- per box.

GRIMSBY FISH, Saturday.—Forty-three North Sea, two Iceland, one Faroe trawler, and one liner landed; poor supply. Demand fair. Plaice 11/6, halibut 14/- to 18/-, cod 6/- to 9/-, skate 9/-, small haddocks 5/-, kit. 8/-, gibbed 9/6, dabs 11/- to 13/-, codlings 8/-, whitings 5/6 per stone; soles 1/9, turbot 1/10, brill 1/9 per lb.

BILLINGSGATE, Saturday.—Supply fair; demand moderate. Soles 15d. to 17d., slips 13d. to 15d. per lb.; live eels 24/- to 34/-, dead 16/- to 26/- draught; turbot 18/- to 20/-, brill 11/- to 12/-, plaice 8/- to 13/-, halibut 12/- to 18/-, lemon soles 14/- to 18/-, whitches 7/- to 9/-, cod 7/- to 9/-, whiting 4/- to 6/-, hake 9/-, skate wings 6/- to 8/-, haddocks 6/- to 8/- per stone.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT, Saturday.—Beef—Scotch sides, long 6/4 to 6/8, short 7/8 to 8/4; Argentine, chilled hindquarters 4/6, forequarters 2/2. Mutton—Scotch tegs 10/- to 11/-; wethers, 9/4 to 10/-; English wethers, 9/- to 10/4; imported, 4/4 to 5/4. Lamb—Imported, 6/10 to 7/2.

LONDON POTATO, Saturday.—Supplies ample for requirements. Trade quiet, about late rates. Lincoln King Edwards, 7/- to 7/6; Arran Chiefs, Majestics, 6/-; blackland King Edwards, all 6/- to 6/6; Evergoods, 5/- to 5/6 per cwt.

PRODUCE.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.—CANE SUGAR firm; value Peruvian c.i.f. 27/- forward; Cuban sellers 28/9 January shipment, 25/6 per cwt. March shipment, basis 96 deg. pol. The following are Messrs. Tate's and Lyle's quotations to-day:—Crystals, No. 1 62/3, small No. 1 62/3, No. 2 61/-; bright 60/10½; granulated standard 60/9, H.T.S. 60/10, coarse 61/1½, fine 61/1½, all ex refinery Liverpool, less 1½ p.c. discount; cubes ex refinery in London, 1st quality 63/9, H.T.S. 63/6, afternoon tea, 64/6, less 1½ p.c. discount. COCOA quiet, steady; West African forward firm; late yesterday a good business done in new crop at 23/6 per cwt. f.o.b. forward. COFFEE—A firm tone continues. RICE firm; new crop 15/9 c.i.f. January-February; old crop quoted 16/- per cwt. c.i.f. for Burmah No. 2. HEMP—Manila firm but quiet; values £34 10/- to £35 J, £27 10/- to £28 K, and £27 per ton L, January-March shipment c.i.f. SAGO FLOUR—Sarawak quoted 16/10½ to 17/3 ex store, and February-April shipment 15/- per cwt. c.i.f. JAPANESE PEAS quietly steady at 24/- on spot and 21/6 per cwt. c.i.f. for shipment. RANGOON BEANS—White hand-picked on spot quoted 11/6 and 10/9 old crop; f.a.q. in stores 8/1; 8/3 per cwt.; little demand. COPRA scarce; sundried West African nominally £27 15/- per ton. RICE BRAN slow of sale, and Burmah January-February and February-March shipment sellers £6 5/- to £5 7/6 per ton ex ship. LOCUST BEANS—Cyprus unchanged; forward shipment £5 5/- per ton c.i.f. in bulk, but trading limited. OIL CAKES—Imported, bronds without change. American linseed sellers £11 15/- from store, and February-April c.i.f. £10 10/-. Bombay December shipment quoted £11 10/- c.i.f. Egyptian undecorticated December-January £7 5/- per ton ex ship terms. Palm kernel still in demand and £7 per ton asked ex mills. LINSEED quieter; January shipment River Plate £18 7/6, and £17 7/6 per ton January February shipment. COTTONSEED firm; buyers Brazil f.a.q. £9 10/- forward, and Peruvian, Mitafifi, Tanguis afloat and prompt shipment £11 10/- per ton. PALM KERNELS firm; buyers forward positions £20 10/- and sellers £2 12/6 per ton. PALM KERNEL OIL firm; Liverpool crushed £42, prompt and extracted forward £42 10/- per ton naked ex mills. COCOA NUT OIL—Ceylon steady, £47 per ton c.i.f. for arrival; limited business passing. PALM OIL firmly held, but no sales reported to-day. TALLOW firm with a continued inquiry; prices maintained. DYEWOODS—Logwood and fustic unchanged in values on spot but little business passing. GAMBIER—Block firm, and offerings continue restricted; sellers on spot ask 58/-, and forward c.i.f. 48/- to 49/-; No. 2 cubes for arrival held for 85/- per cwt. ex quay terms. CUTCH steady on spot for Burmah, but available stocks small. GUM—Fair inquiry for Niger Arabic on spot, and sellers very steady in their ideas. RUBBER—Para quiet; hard fine spot 1/0½ per lb. CASTOR OIL—English prices maintained at £56 pharmaceutical, £51 firsts and £50 seconds, ex mills, Hull; Madras March-April shipment quoted £34 c.i.f.; Belgian prompt and forward shipment possible sellers £63 5/-, pharmacy, £59 5/- first, and £58 5/- per ton seconds, c.i.f. in barrels; Calcutta good seconds March-April shipment in cases quoted 6½d. per lb. ex quay terms. SEED OILS—Liverpool cottonseed very steady at 40/- common edible, and 46/- per cwt. deodorised nett naked ex mills. Linseed steady, 46/6 per cwt. raw spot barrels. ROSIN quiet, unchanged; American quoted 13/3, common 17/6 per cwt. WOOD OIL—Hankow in barrels firm, 98/- per cwt., spot and forward. TURPENTINE quiet, 72/6 per cwt. spot American sellers. PETROLEUM OILS unaltered; spot American refined in barrels 1/- to 1/1. NITRATE OF SODA steady but quiet on spot at £13 0/- to £13 10/- per ton, as to quality, in single bags.

LONDON, Saturday.—SUGAR—Market quiet under holiday influences, and prices for refined goods ruled steady. British makes unaltered. Of imported, white Java spot 57/3 to 57/6, Mar-June 27/1½ c.i.f. Foreign gran. on spot unaltered. Terminal market quiet; Dec. sellers 31/6, March 28/9, May 28/4½, August 28/- cwt. RICE firm, but quiet; two stars 17/6, 16/6. Japanese peas near at hand 21/- per cwt. SPICE—Pepper moves off slowly at late rates. Black Singapore Oct.-Dec. L.S. quoted 4½d., Muntok Jan.-Mar. 7d. Zanzibar cloves Jan.-March 1/4½ pe rlb. Tapioca unaltered. Sago Flour, Jan.-March, quoted 15/- per cwt. Desiccated Coconut steady, but quiet. JUTE—Market firmer, but trade quiet; first grade to Continent Dec.-Jan. sellers £27 5/-, Jan.-Feb. sold at £27 10/-, Feb.-March £28 5/- and sellers; lightning grades, Dec.-Jan. value £25 5/-, and Jan.-Feb. £25 12/6 per ton. Hessians and twills unaltered. HEMP quiet, but firm; Manila J grade, Jan.-March value £34 10/-, K £28, L £27, M £24 15/- per ton. SHELLAC firmer; T.N. spot 305/-, March 295/- buyers. RUBBER quiet, but prices fully steady; plantation standard crepe and sheet spot sold 1/3½ to 1/3¾, Jan. 1/2¼, Jan.-March 1/2, April-June 1/3½ per lb. Wild sorts unaltered. COPRA firm, with sellers reserved; F.M.S. Straits to Rotterdam Oct.-Dec. £30 2/6 buyers. Nov.-Jan. £29 17/6 paid; Jan.-March buyers £29 8/9. Ceylon Dec.-Jan. quoted £32. Cebu value £29 5/-; F.M. Straits £28 15/-, South Sea £28 15/-. Dutch East Indies Jan.-March £29 5/-. PALM KERNELS steady. To Liverpool—Jan.-March quoted £20 10/- per ton. OILS—Linseed quiet; spot 43/-, Jan.-April 39/3, May-August 36/3 per cwt. Others unaltered. OILSEEDS—Linseed quiet, and tendency easier; Calcutta afloat £23 2/6, April-May quoted £19 10/-, Plate Dec.-Jan. £18, Jan.-Feb. sold £17 7/6. Rapeseed firm; real bold Ferozepore, also Rosaria, Dec.-Jan. quoted £19 2/6. Cottonseed quiet; Egyptian black quoted £13 5/-, white £12 5/-; Bombay Jan.-Feb. £10 2/6 per ton. Castor and Gingelly unaltered.

OILCAKES AND FEEDING STUFFS.—Linseed Cake—The demand was quiet, but with supplies light home makes were maintained at from £13 10/- to £13 per ton on rail. Plate decorticated offer at £13 5/- ex quay. Cotton Cake remains quietly steady, with London made from Egyptian seed quoted at £7 10/- to £7 15/-, and a limited quantity from Bombay seed at £7 5/- to £7 6/3. Egyptian made in bags on passage offer at £7 2/6 to £7 3/9 ex ship, with similar rates asked for Jan. and Jan. shipments. Decorticated Cotton Meal to arrive for Nov.-Dec. to-day's value is £13 ex ship. Coconut Cake—Supplies are short, and easily command £9 5/- to £9 7/6 per ton on rail for best quality. Soya Bean Cakes quiet at £11 5/- to £11 7/6 on rail. Groundnut Cakes in limited demand. Undecorticated quoted £8 5/- with partly decorticated at £11 per ton ex mill. Milling Offals steady; middlings quoted 8/- to 8/6, and bran at 7/- per cwt.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR, Saturday.—Imported during week 300 tons; melted, 900, against 4,657 last year; stock, 3,783, against 25,050. White descriptions declined 6d. on the week; fine crystals 60/-, fine granulated 58/-, ordinary 57/6, yellows 53/6 to 54/- per cwt., duty paid. Moist refiners off work. Market closes with fair business; steady prices. Next report Thursday.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LEICESTER WOOL, Saturday.—The factories have been busy this week with rush orders for Christmas specialities and the ordinary trade has been fairly good. Wool and yarns remain firm and there have been many inquiries, which will probably result in business in the new year. Trade all round has been showing an improvement during the last three months.

LIVERPOOL COTTON (Closing), Saturday.—American small demand. Brazilian quotations advanced 30 points. East Indian unchanged. Egyptian limited demand. December 20.344, January 20.36d., February 20.314, March 20.31d., April 20.19d., May 20.14d. Sales 2,000, imports 34,804 bales. Market quiet.

LONDON HAY AND STRAW, Saturday.—Fair supplies; moderate demand; prices steady. Best meadow 95/- to 125/- 10/-, medium £4 to £4 10/-, inferior £3 to £3 10/-; best clover £5 10/- to £5 15/-, best mixtures and sainfoin £5 5/- to £6; best trussed wheat straw 75/- to 80/-, oat and barley ditto 80/- to 90/- per ton, delivered.

LONDON FREIGHTS—Saturday.

The Baltic Exchange will be closed until Thursday morning next, 27th inst. A holiday tone prevailed and rates in most departments unaltered. The River Plate section, however, remains fully steady for grain carriers, and handy size steamers prompt loading up river quoted 23/6, with February-March shipment ruling from 23/6 to 25/-, according to size, to U.K.-Continent. Orders are quoting for linseed from Rosario, also Chilian nitrate to the United States at full recent rates. North American grain quiet and values inclined to sag on liberal tonnage supplies. Northern States to Continent quoted 13½ cents, Denmark 20 cents per 100lbs., and 3/7½ per qr. to West Italy. American coal in moderate request at 3 dollars 35 cents to the Brazils. North Pacific grain quietly steady at 37/6 for medium size vessels to U.K.-Continent and 6½ dollars to Japan. Gulf cotton, timber, and miscellaneous cargoes unaltered. Cuba sugar quiet at 21/- to 21/6 to U.K.-Continent February-March. Eastern markets firm, with fair inquiries from near India ports. Bombay on dead weight January quoted 27/6, while orders are quoting from the rice ports, Vladivostock, and the Philippines at recent rates. Australian grain continues steady, and medium size vessels rule at 42/6 from Southern ports, with large sizes at 40/- to U.K.-Continent-Mediterranean. Black Sea grain quiet, but similar cargoes from Sulina-Kustendji remain at 16/- berth and 17/3 charter terms to U.K.-Continent. Alexandria cottonseed quiet, with 11/- per 60 cubic feet quoting to Hull and 12/- London, while Spanish fruit indicates 25/6 per 100 cubic feet to U.K. Outward coal markets generally quiet, though there is a fair inquiry for early January loading. Meanwhile tonnage offers freely and rates generally weak. Fixtures—Attualita, 8,000 tons, 10 per cent. Bahia Blanca to U.K.-Bordeaux-Hamburg, 10th January readiness, 22/-, heavy grain; Clan Lindsay, 5,200 tons, 10 per cent. San Lorenzo to U.K.-Continent, 15th February-15th March, 24/6, heavy grain, with full options.

LLOYD'S MAIL NEWS.

ADRIATIC, for New York, left the Mersey 22nd, since called Queenstown 23rd.
ARLANZA, Buenos Ayres for Southampton, called Pernambuco 22nd.
ANDANIA, for London; BERENGARIA, for Southampton; CEDRIC, for Liverpool; COLUMBIA, for the Clyde; and ZEELAND, for Plymouth, all left New York 22nd.
BOMA, from Liverpool, arrived Teneriffe 22nd.
BAYANO, for Jamaica, left Avonmouth 22nd.
BAMPTON CASTLE, Port Natal for East India Dock, passed Gravesend 23rd.
BATSFORD, from London, arrived St. John 21.
BRECON, St. John for Surrey Commercial Dock; PRESIDENT VAN BUREN, New York for Tilbury Dock; NEVASA, Karachi for Royal Albert Dock; MAHANA, Auckland for Royal Albert Dock, all passed Gravesend 21.
CITY OF HANKOW, for London; CITY OF SPARTA, Clyde for Calcutta; DRAMATIST, Liverpool for Calcutta; and NORMAN, London for Port Natal, all passed Perim 22nd.
CITY OF MADRID, for London, left Port Said 23.
CANADA, from Galveston, arrived Mersey 23.
DUNDRUM CASTLE, from Tees, arr. Beira 22nd.
DESEADO, Liverpool for Buenos Ayres, called Santos 21st.
DURHAM, Liverpool for Australia, left St. John 22.
DARRO, for Liverpool, left Buenos Ayres 21.
FLANDRIA, Buenos Ayres for Amsterdam, left Southampton 23rd.
FRANCIS, for London, left Para 23rd.
LACONIA, from New York, arrived Mersey 22.
MATSUMOTO MARU, Kobe for Victoria Dock, passed Gravesend 22nd.
MARGLEN, Bombay for Southampton, arrived Aden 22.
MATAKANA, for New Zealand, left the Mersey 22nd, since put back with engine trouble.
MELITA, from Montreal, arr. Southampton 22nd.
MONGOLIA and TYRRHENIA, for New York, left Southampton 22nd.
MERTON HALL, from New York, arr. Eastham 22nd.
MORETON BAY, Brisbane for London, left Southampton 22.
MISSISSIPPI, for New York, left Gravesend 23.
MONT LAURIER, from Liverpool, arr. St. John 22.
NOVIAN, from Liverpool, arr. New Orleans 22nd.
NUBIAN, from New Orleans, arrived Manchester 22.
NYASSA, Kobe for London, arrived Suez 23.
OXONIAN, from Portland Maine, arr. Avonmouth 22.
OTARAMA, for Australia, left Manchester 22nd.
ORCA, Southampton for New York, left Cherbourg 21.
PORT CURTIS, for Launceston, and VERENTIA, for New York, left Gravesend 22nd.
PORT CAMPBELL, Port Pirie for London, and WARWICKSHIRE, Rangoon for London, both arrived Suez 22.
RUNIC, for Brisbane; PORT CAROLINE, for New York; HIGHLAND ENTERPRISE, for Rosario; BRONTE, for Rio Grande; BRUYERE, for Buenos Ayres; CARMANIA, for New York, all left Mersey 22.
SWINBURNE, for London, left Bahia 22nd.
TARANTIA, for New York, left the Clyde 22nd.
VELLAVIA, for London, left Portland Maine 22nd.
VASCONIA, from London, arrived Boston 22.

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DUBLIN CHARITIES.

CHRISTMAS APPEALS.

During the Christmas season the charitably disposed citizens of Dublin will find many opportunities for the exercise of their benevolence. Hospitals are in great need because of increased prices and smaller revenues, and also because of the unrest of recent years.

The Penny Dinner Fund of the Kitchen of the Irish Guild of the Little Flower, 11 Meath street, asks for a share of the Christmas charities. It is doing excellent work. During September, October, and November over 97,000 penny meals were given to 47,000 people. Cheques or postal orders may be sent to Rev. Father Ryan, 90 Meath street.

The Governors of the National Maternity Hospital appeal to its friends and supporters. The pressure on the funds of the hospital is very great; many improvements are necessary, and liberal public aid is needed to carry them out.

Another deserving institution is the Linden Convalescent Home, Blackrock. A heavy debt threatens to cripple the activities of this home, but the Sisters of Charity, trusting to the generosity of the public, are confident that the debt will be removed, and that they will be able to prevent further material decay and to renovate the house and its surroundings.

Donations are also solicited by the Ladies' Association of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul Metropolitan Parish for the "Sick Poor," whom they relieve in their homes. Donations will be received by the Very Rev. John Flanagan, A.D.M., and at the Council Rooms, 46 Eccles street, where gifts of clothing may also be sent.

The Penitents, St. Mary Magdalen's, Donnybrook, ask for help in connection with their good work, and will be grateful for even the smallest contributions.

The Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers' Society points out that poverty prevails to an enormous extent in the City of Dublin, and an appeal is made on behalf of "Dublin's Oldest Charity." The object is a very deserving one.

The Sisters of Charity, Stanhope street, request support for the Convent. Cheques and postal orders may be sent to the Rectress, Stanhope street, Dublin.

The Sisters of Charity, Gardiner street, call attention to the needs of the poor, whose sufferings they endeavour to mitigate. They appeal for contributions of clothing, bed covering, etc., which will only be given to really deserving cases.

Donations are sought by the Sisters of Charity for St. Mary's Orphanage, Lakelands, Sandymount, for the orphans and the poor who are under their charge.

The Strangers' Friend Society, 29 South Anne street, which was founded in 1790, invites subscriptions for the deserving poor and distressed strangers in the city and suburbs. It is a non-sectarian institution, and is in urgent need of funds.

Gifts of money, provisions and woollen comforts for the Christmas entertainments of the seamen and stewardesses are asked by the Dublin Seamen's Institute, Eden quay. All those who value the seamen's work ought to give practical proof of their sympathies with the seamen who are absent from home and friends at Christmas.

The St. Nicholas Without and St. Luke's, Dublin, Christmas Poor and Winter Coal Fund again asks for support towards a fund which alleviates distress and does much good in a poor district. Contributions will be received by Mr. William Stewart, 20 New street; Mr. R. Allen, 19 and 20 Lower Clanbrassil street; or by Rev. T. H. Seale, St. Luke's Rectory, South Circular road.

The Mendicity Institution, 9 Usher's Island, Dublin, has for many years provided free breakfasts, and on Christmas Day has given the destitute a substantial dinner. It appeals for funds to continue its work this season.

An appeal for the children is always effective. It is a pleasure to brighten the lives of the little ones, especially at Christmastide, and the Sisters of Charity, [illegible] O'Toole's Convent, Seville place, Dublin, give free dinners to a large number of children daily.

The St. Vincent's Hospital and Dispensary, of which the Sisters of Charity are in charge, solicit alms to assist this very useful institution.

The Mater Misericordiæ Hospital is sure to receive many donations in response to the appeal by the Sisters of Mercy, who are in charge of it.

That excellent institution, the National Children's Hospital, Harcourt street, Dublin, asks that the little ones in the hospital should be remembered. Gifts of turkeys, fruit, vegetables, toys, etc., will be received by the Matron.

Mrs. Smyly's Home and Free Schools, 21 Grattan street, Dublin, deserve assistance in the good and useful work which they do.

The Salvation Army, 13 Lower Abbey street, are providing a poor children's treat, and they seek help. Captain J. V. Davis, officer-in-charge, will receive subscriptions.

LIVERPOOL MEAT IMPORTS.

LIVERPOOL, SATURDAY.

Eight steamers landed sheep and lamb carcases, pork and fresh beef at Liverpool during the past week from overseas ports. The vessels, with their freights, were as follows:—The Ulysses, from Australia, with 9,122 sheep and lamb carcases; the Doric, from Portland, with 800 packages of meat; the Bakara, from Australia, with 1,157 bags of beef; the Demerara, from Buenos Ayres, with 15,150 sheep and lamb carcases, 90 carcases of pork, 1,492 bags of meat, and 35,204 qrs. of beef; the Montclare, from St. John, with 5,514 boxes of meat; the Baltic, from New York, with 2,750 carcases and 3,736 boxes of pork, and 2,267 boxes of meat; the Ausonia, from Boston with 3,000 boxes of pork; and the Ceramic, from Australia, with 2,534 sheep and lamb carcases—making a total of 25,806 sheep and lamb carcases, 2,840 carcases and 6,736 boxes of pork, 11,230 boxes, etc., of meat, and 35,204 qrs. of beef. Compared with the arrivals of the preceding week these figures show an increase of 5,729 sheep and lamb carcases, and 5,848 boxes and carcases of pork, and a decrease of 203 live cattle, 8,903 boxes of meat, and 5,104 qrs. of beef.

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

IN MEMORIAM.

DAVEY—In sad and loving memory of my belo[ved] husband, Gunner Fred. W., R.N.R., who lost his [life] on the Adela by the Huns in the Irish Sea 2[7th] December, 1917.
Bright is his glory now,
Boundless his joy Above,
Where on the bosom of his God
He rests in perfect love.
Inserted by his loving widow and little daughter.

HARE—December 27, 1917, killed in act[ion], George, Lieutenant, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, eld[est] son of the late Rev. Henry Hare and Helen H[are], grandson of the late Rev. George Hare, Chapl[ain] Royal Hospital, Kilmainham. "At rest."—Ma[..]

LYNCH—In loving memory of Captain P. [..] Lynch, M.C., Leinster Regiment, killed in act[ion] (near Hulluch), December 26th, 1916.

PIELOW—In loving memory of our dear s[on] Jack, Corporal, R.E., M.M., died December [..] 1921, from the effects of gas received in Fra[nce]; a devoted son and loving brother.
How hard it was to part with him,
But he went at the call of One
Who gave for him and all of us
His own beloved Son.
Mother, Dad, sisters, and brothers.

MARRIAGE.

BELL and PUGH—December 15, 1923, at [the] Church of the Holy Trinity, Brook Green, W[est] Kensington, by the Reverend Father Storey, P[..] William Bell, to Josephine Mary, daughter of [Mr.] and Mrs. Pugh, of 8 Clayton tce., Chapelizod.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

BENNETT—December 26, 1923, at his residen[ce], Portsmouth Arms Hotel, Enniscorthy, John Benn[ett]. Funeral to-morrow (Friday) at 2.30 from Cathe[dral] to New Cemetery.

CHARLES—December 22, 1923, the result of [an] accident, Eleanor, widow of the late R. H. Char[les]. Funeral will leave her residence, 51 Raglan [road], this (Thursday) morning at 9.30 for Mount Jero[me].

CHRISTIE—December 26, 1923, at Rynvil[le], Bray, Claudia Isabella, second surviving daugh[ter] of the late Claudius Christie, of Londonder[ry]. Funeral private. Service in Kilbride to-mor[row] (Friday) at 11.45 a.m.

COGHLAN—December 26, 1923, at 89 Lind[..] rd., Bridget Coghlan, beloved aunt of Mrs. M[..] Boyle. R.I.P. Funeral from St. Columba's, af[ter] 9 o'clock Mass, to-morrow (Friday) morning.

DAWSON—On Christmas Eve, 1923, at [his] residence, Dillon st., Tipperary, Thomas Daws[on], late Town Clerk of Tipperary, aged 45 ye[ars]. R.I.P. Funeral to-day (Thursday) at 12 noon fo[r] St. Michael's Church to the Old Church[yard], Tipperary.

DEVLIN—At his residence, 48 Ulverton [road], Dalkey, suddenly, Joseph Edmund Devlin, late [of] Central Midwives and Local Government Boa[rd], aged 70. Funeral private. No flowers.

DROUGHT—December 24, 1923, at her [resi]dence, 36 Brighton rd., Rathgar, Anna Eliza[beth], widow of the late George Drought, Bache[lor's] Walk, Dublin. "And they shall see His face; [and] His name shall be in their foreheads" [Rev.] xxii., 4. Funeral (private) at 11.30 o'clock [for] Mount Jerome.

HARVEY—December 25, 1923, at her daugh[ter's] residence, Littlehampton, Fanny Elizabeth, a[ged] 86, widow of Francis E. Harvey, of Kyle, Wexf[ord], and only daughter of the late John Poll[ock], Solicitor, Youghal.

HORNER—December 25, 1923, at her fath[er's] residence, 48 Bayview av., Hannah Beatr[ice], dearly-loved wife of John J. Horner, 151 Merr[ion] rd., aged 38. "The Lord is my Shepherd," Ps[alm] xxiii. Funeral to-morrow (Friday) morning [to] Dean's Grange, leaving above address at 10.45.

HUME—December 24, 1923, at 36 Newton [..], London, W., of heart failure, Violet Marga[ret] Isabel, wife of Captain Arthur Robert Hume, [..] Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and only daugh[ter] of the late General Sir Hugh Rowlands, V.[C.], K.C.B., of Plas Tirion, Carnarvonshire.

LORIMER—Sunday, December 23, 1923, [at] "Brusiee," Munster st., Phibsborough, Vic[tor] Andrew, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lori[mer]. Funeral private.

MacCROSSAN—December 25, 1923, at her [resi]dence, Belgrave Hall, Monkstown, Co. Dub[lin], Elizabeth, younger daughter of the late J[..] MacCrossan, of Omagh, Co. Tyrone. Deeply [re]gretted. R.I.P. Funeral private.

McCOUBRIE—December 26, 1923, in Dub[lin], William Bell McCoubrie (late Messrs. Cro[..] Wilson, and Co.). Deeply regretted. Fun[eral] arrangements in to-morrow's (Friday) paper.

McCULLAGH—At her residence, 41 Serpen[tine] av., Sandymount, Katherine, widow of the [late] John McCullagh, J.P., Kingstown, aged 87 ye[ars]. Funeral (private) to-morrow (Friday) morning. [No] flowers, by request.

MACDONNELL—December 24, 1923, Bern[ard] James, only surviving son of the late John Jo[seph] Macdonnell, M.I.C.E., London, and beloved husb[and] of Ita Mary Macdonnell. Requiescat in p[ace]. Funeral (private) from Church of St. John [the] Baptist, Blackrock, after 9 o'clock Mass, [to-day] (Thursday) morning.

O'BRIEN—December 24, 1923, at his resid[ence], "Basrendorf," 41 Oakley rd., Ranelagh, And[rew] Robert O'Brien. Sincerely and deeply regretted [by] his sorrowing sister and brother and all relat[ives] and friends. R.I.P. Funeral private. No flowe[rs].

O'BRIEN—December 24, 1923, at his resid[ence], Killeen House, Galway, Michael O'Brien, M.D., [to] the inexpressible grief of his wife and child[ren]. R.I.P. Funeral to-day (Thursday) to Bushy Pa[rk].

O'DWYER—On Christmas Eve, 1923, at his [resi]dence, Saint Michael st., Tipperary, John O'Dwy[er], LL.B., Solicitor, in his 70th year. R.I.P. In[ter]ment took place at Saint Michael's Ceme[tery], Tipperary, yesterday (Wednesday), December 2[6], 1923.

O'NEILL-POWER—December 23, 1923, at [..] Victoria st., London, S.W., Marguerite, widow [of] Joseph O'Neill-Power, J.P., D.L., of Power [..] Snowhill, Waterford. Fortified by the rites of [the] Church. R.I.P.

ROONEY—On St. Stephen's Day, 1923, at D[..] martin Hill, Dundrum Co. Dublin, Mary Luci[..], youngest daughter of the late Walter Roo[ney]. R.I.P. Funeral private. No flowers.

SHERWOOD—December 26, 1923, at 78 Bo[..] rd., at an advanced age, Mrs. F. H. Sherw[ood]. Funeral private. No flowers.

WILKINSON—December 18, 1923, at Clan[..] House, Bandon, Rev. John Wilkinson, [..] Funeral private.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Father Taylor, O.C.C., Whitefriar st., beg[s to] express his heartfelt thanks to the friends, cl[ergy] and lay, who showed their sympathy with [him in] many in many practical ways—on the occasi[on of] his father's death. He ventures to ask the[m to] accept these few printed lines in lieu of a per[sonal] communication made to individuals.

IN MEMORIAM.

DOHERTY—Third Anniversary—In loving me[mory] of my dear husband and our dear father, [who] passed away 27th December, 1920.
"Lord, when we sorrow most
Then most one flock are we;
We grow not fewer, though the host
Step one by one to Thee."
Inserted by his sorrowing wife and childre[n], Raymond st., South Circular rd.

DUNCAN—In loving memory of my dear m[..] who passed away at Oldcastle 26th Dece[mber] 1913.—Ela.

DOUGLAS—In constant remembrance o[f our] beloved and loving only son, Raymond, wh[o died] 27th December, 1920, at Mogot, Burma, ag[ed ..] years. "Until the day dawn."

GILL—In loving memory of George Francis [..] who entered into rest 27th December, [..] "Until the day break."

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